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CONVERGING CAMPUS & COMMUNITY

Local veteran recalls POW days

By Domnick Hadley
Community Editor

The year is 1950 and 17-year-old Byron McFarland reports for duty at an Army base in Korea.

Nervous about the looming combat on the battlefield, McFarland reaches his assigned unit to check-in and within seconds he receives his first hard dose of reality—a row of near frozen corpses strewn across Korean soil.

"I was scared anyway," McFarland said. "I went to report and I bet you 30 bodies froze solid were there

with just wraps over them. It scared me to death. I thought what have I gotten myself into?"

It's been nearly 56 years since McFarland has stepped foot on a battlefield, but the recollections—some good, some bad—remain crystal clear in his 73-year-old memory. He will join 24.5 million other American veterans in a day of tribute as

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the nation observes Veteran's Day this Friday.

Probably similar to other

soldiers in his day, McFarland joined the U.S. Army shortly after graduating high school in Delaplane, Ark.

Motivated by the promise of a free education, McFarland enlisted in 1949 and began basic training in Ft. Riley, Kan.

He completed basic training and

was immediately shipped to Korea in 1950.

"My mother thought I ought to go to college, but I went to the military instead," he said. "I made up my own mind that's what I wanted. But I was scared to death when I found out I was going to be shipped to Korea."

The state of fear lurking in the back of his mind subsided, as he became settled within a normal routine, McFarland said.

But no sooner than

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Organization fights for health freedom

By Evan Young
Staff Writer

A recently formed campus organization is taking steps to ensure Congress does not take away health freedom in America by restricting the use of dietary supplements and other natural treatments.

Students Protecting Freedom is fighting against the passage of House Bill 3,156.

The bill, Dietary Supplement Access and Awareness Act, contains amendments to the Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act of 1994, which allows Americans to purchase herbs and dietary supplements with relatively low FDA standards and guidelines.

Introduced in June 2005 by Susan Davis (D-Calif.), the act requires supplement manufacturers and distributors to report any "serious adverse experience regarding a supplement."

The FDA then has the option of taking the supplement in question off the market if, after a period of surveillance, it decides the drug poses a significant risk of injury or illness.

The bill also prohibits the sale of risky supplements to minors.

The bill's intent is to "address the gaps created by DSHEA through greater information exchange and accountability,"

according to Davis.

In her floor statement, Davis cited the case of Ephedra, the ingredient in several popular energy and weight-loss supplements, which was banned by the FDA in 2004 due to evidence of health risks including heart attack, stroke and death. However, the ban was overturned in Utah in April 2005 when a federal judge deemed the evidence against Ephedra insufficient. According to Davis, this decision "underscores the present difficulty with regulating dietary supplements."

SPF argues the bill, if passed, would infringe on medical freedom in the United States by causing an increase in the cost of supplements, a ban on over-the-counter purchasing and strict limits on dosages.

On a global scale, the group believes the introduction of this bill, along with other related legislation, is part of a government effort to replace the DSHEA supplement standards with Codex Alimentarius, a collection of international food, pharmaceutical and dietary supplement standards created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

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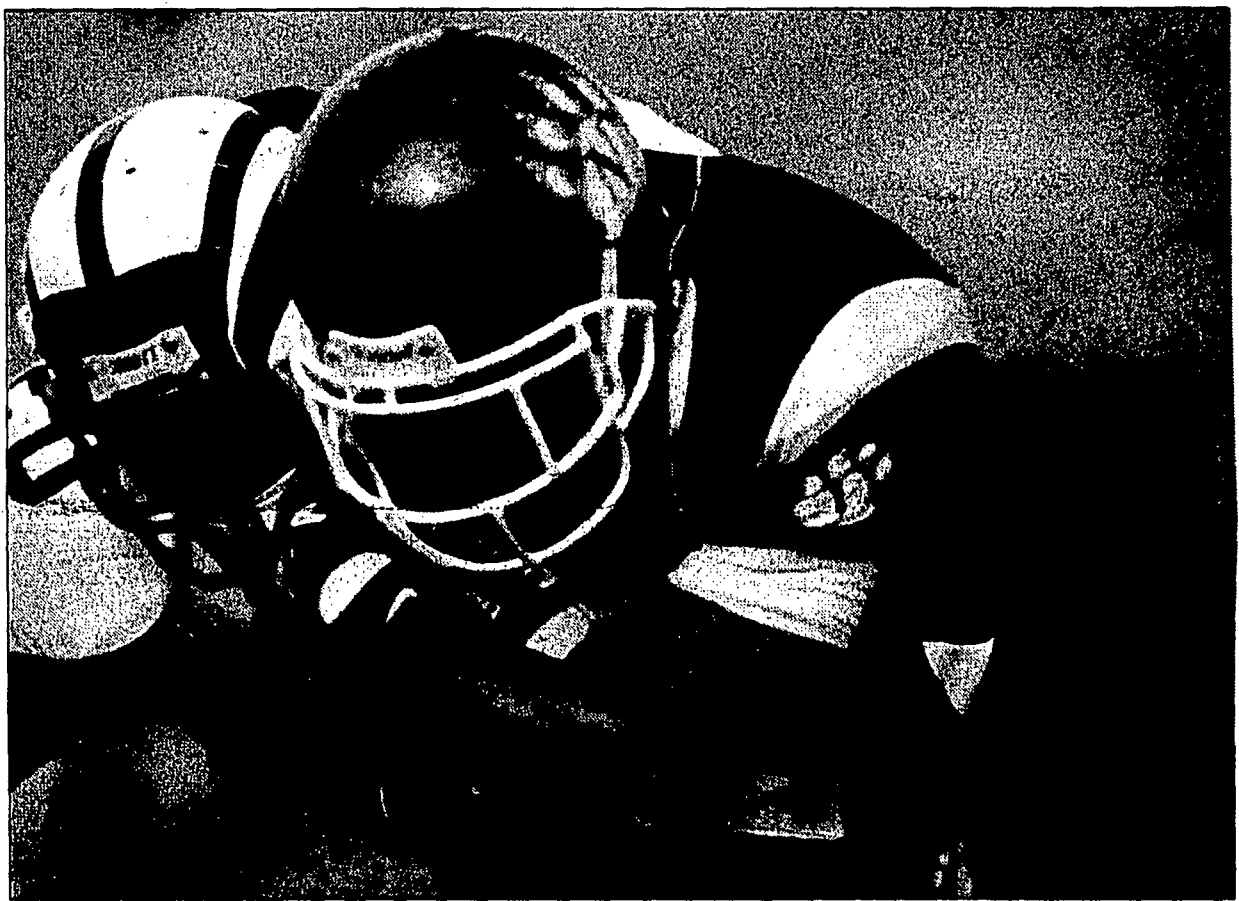


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PLAYOFF SOUND Wide receiver E.J. Falkner scores a touchdown against Southwest Baptist on Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. The Northwest Bearcats blew out the SBU Bearcats 49-14. The Bearcats travel to San Angelo, Texas, to face Angelo State in the first round of the playoffs. See section B for more coverage.

State representatives gather on campus, encourage students to work for changes

By Ben Koehn
Chief Reporter

Representatives from Missouri's state legislature headlined a legislative forum in the J.W. Jones Student Union Monday night.

Representatives Wes Shoemyer (D—Clarence), Jason Brown (R—Platte City) and Trent Skaggs (D—Clay County) spoke to Northwest students in the ballroom on reasons they entered politics and stressed the need for Missourians to actively communicate with elected legislators.

Shoemyer, a farmer himself, said he got into politics to protect small farmers in Missouri from consolidated farms.

"Instead of being a cheerleader, I decided to take that next step and become a policy-maker," Shoemyer said.

Brown, a Northwest grad who said he was never active on campus as a student, urged students to become educated on politics and to use that knowledge to better their own lives.

"Don't ask anybody to do anything that you can do for yourself," Brown said.

These representatives, along with Skaggs, agreed the budget will be a prime concern in this year's House session and should be a worry for students who don't want to pay higher tuition. Brown said while many Missourians immediately point the blame at legislatures for rising tuition rates,



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REPRESENTATIVES (FROM LEFT) Trent Skaggs, Jason Brown and Wes Shoemyer held a legislative meeting at the J.W. Student Union Monday. One main point was to encourage students to get involved with local politics and elected officials.

they should look at how universities are spending the money.

"I'll say the only thing harder to navigate than Jefferson City politics is university politics," Shoemyer said.

With an estimated \$19.1 billion budget, the representatives believe they do the best with what they have when trying to provide educational funding plus all of their other responsibilities to the people of Missouri.

"As much as we can affect the budget, so can you," Brown said. "And so can your parents."

Students in attendance were urged to start looking towards the future and thinking about who they

want representing them in Jefferson City.

"The one political advantage that you can get in the next year won't depend on a merger, it'll depend on whether or not you have a senator from this part of the state," Brown said.

Skaggs, who was Northwest's student body president in 1993, said as policy-makers they are always under the rule of the constituents.

"I would contend that more important than legislature is being able to help a constituent when they pick up the phone and call you," Skaggs said.

Ventria's move not welcomed by all

By Dennis Sharkey
Chief Reporter

A lot of excitement has surrounded the move of Ventria Biosciences to Northwest, but not everyone is happy.

Missouri rice growers, mostly from the southeastern part of the state, have said the move of Ventria to the area could jeopardize the state's rice industry and many farmers' livelihoods.

Sonny Martin is a Missouri rice farmer and a member of the Missouri Rice Research and Merchandising Council. He said farmers have spent many hours and dollars to develop the rice industry in Missouri.

"This is our livelihood here in the boothill," Martin said. "We've spent millions of dollars developing the infrastructure for a piddly company to come along and put us out of business."

Martin blames the state's agriculture department and state officials for not caring enough about the concerns of commercial rice farmers.

Martin said that the project is being funded by tax dollars and that does not sit well with farmers.

"We understand that they (the project officials) have received between 15 and 30 million dollars

in grants and funding," Martin said. "It comes out of tax payer's money and we're not real happy about that."

"We also understand that the University of Missouri has gotten in on this and have planted some test plots and we're not real proud of them. I hope they do grow it there and they get an early frost and kill every damn stalk of it."

Northwest President Dean Hubbard said those farmers should look at themselves when referring to tax dollars. He said farmers should be more worried about problems with the world market taking away their livelihood.

"The thing that will put Missouri's rice farmers out of business is when the unbelievable subsidies they receive go away in the face of pressure from the rest of the world," Hubbard said. "Roughly 97 cents of every dollar of rice grown in this country is subsidy from tax payers."

Martin said he and other farmers we're particularly disappointed with Missouri Senator David Klindt and Farm Bureau president Charlie Cruise.

"Why cut out an industry to move it to northwest Missouri," Martin said. "We can forgive, but we will not forget."

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CAMPUSBRIEFS

Fraternity hosts annual Fall-Fall

The Delta Chi Fraternity will host their annual Fall-Fall philanthropy event Saturday, Nov. 12.

The Fall-Fall allows members to interact and give back to the community by raking leaves throughout the Maryville area.

Head Philanthropy Chair

Brent Vogt is taking appointments from community members wanting the fraternity members to rake and collect the leaves. Appointments for the elderly or medically disabled are prioritized.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact Vogt at (816) 214-7896.

Belgian professor to lecture

Aesthetics and Philosophy of Art Professor Bart Vandenabeele of Ghent University in Belgium, will host a lecture titled, "New Media, Art and Intercultural Communication."

Vandenabeele currently serves as vice-president of the Dutch Association of

Aesthetics and is the author of "The Bloom of Life: Aesthetics and Ethics in Arthur Schopenhauer's Philosophy." He has also conducted many presentations and articles.

The presentation will begin at 4:30 p.m. Monday, at The Station.

Fogg to direct faculty recital

A faculty recital will be presented at 3 p.m. Sunday in the Charles Johnson Theatre located inside the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

Ryan Fogg, lecturer in piano at Northwest, will present the recital. Fogg is currently completing requirements for

a doctorate of musical arts degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

The program will feature the works of Mozart, Schubert, Chopin, Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Prokofiev.

The event is free and open to the public.

Campus hosts Shakespeare

Northwest students will be performing in a production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."

Mike Morris, assistant professor of communication, theatre and languages, is responsible for directing the play.

There will be four performances of the play with the first scheduled for 7:30

tonight in the Mary Linn Auditorium. The other three are scheduled through Sunday all beginning at 7:30 p.m. with the exception of a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee.

Tickets cost \$8 for the general public and \$6 for senior citizens and Northwest students, faculty and staff. There is no charge for children 10 and under.

By Stephanie Stangl
Managing Editor

She had everything in Bearcat green—all she needed was a ride to the home games.

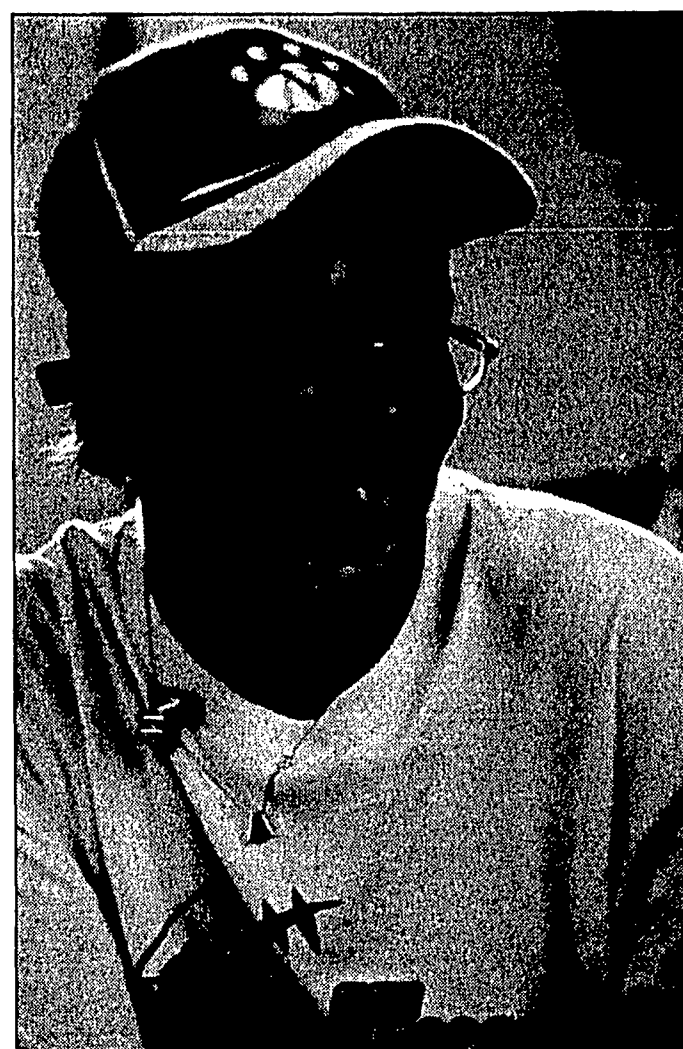
Amy Martin, 35, didn't even request they sit next to her; she just needed a ride after work from McDonald's at 2 p.m. to go cheer for her favorite team.

Amy used to go to home games with her mother, then, in September, her mom died of lung cancer, leaving Amy wondering who would take her to her favorite event of the week.

Director of Volunteer Services Angela Perkins sent out an email around campus with Amy's request. After weeks of no reply, juniors Megan Stalder and Tami Phillips not only picked Amy up for Homecoming against Central Missouri State, but they made sure she had one of the best days ever.

After picking her up from McDonald's where she has cleaned the lobby for 17 years, Stalder and Phillips took Amy to the game, sat and cheered with her and bought her a hot dog and a soda—which Amy said would have been enough to make her happy—but the women went a step further.

Being friends with many of the players, Stalder and Phillips got Amy a t-shirt signed by all of the players and she got to meet a major-



AMY MARTIN grins as she describes her love for the Bearcats. She always brings her plush Bobby the Bearcat head men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer bought her to the games for good luck.

ity of the team.

Picking at her cracking green fingernail polish she wears for every home game, Amy shyly recalls how much she appreciated the day with her two new friends.

"When I am going to a game with Megan I always go into McDonald's and tell everyone I am happy because I am going to a game," Amy said. "She's a sweet girl and I like her a lot."

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— Amy Martin, Maryville resident

Regents appoint Brown

By Ashley Bally
University Editor

After a nomination from Missouri Governor Matt Blunt the Northwest Board of Regents has accepted a new member, Rachelle Brown.

The Board of Regents is Northwest's 100-year-old governing panel.

Blunt nominated Brown for a five-year term as a board member. She received approval in October and will be confirmed by the Missouri Senate in January.

"I understand the issues and needs facing our colleges and universities," Brown said. "I look forward to using this knowledge and understanding as I serve on the board."

Brown will attend her first meeting of the Board of Regents Dec. 16. Doug Sutton currently serves as a board member looking forward to meeting Brown.

"I have not met her yet

but based on her qualifications, I look forward to having her here," Sutton said.

She hopes to develop a working relationship with group organizations and work closely with University students.

"I am eager to meet with student organizations," Brown said. "I plan to be more of an advocate for the students. That is what my background is and I'm looking forward to it."

Brown graduated from Northwest in 1993 with a degree in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. After graduating she went to work at both Avila University in Kansas City, working as an admissions counselor, and at William Jewell College in Liberty. While working in Liberty she held many positions, including director of transfer enrollment. She spent nine years working at both Avila and William Jewell.

Suicide prevention grant given

By Ashley Bally
University Editor

The University recently received a major federal grant aimed at establishing a suicide prevention program.

Northwest is one of 22 other institutions to receive a suicide prevention grant from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

The grant will provide Northwest with \$75,000 in funding for the first year of the three year program. Included with the grant the University matched the amount awarded totaling a sum of \$405,000 for three years. Virginia Murr, director of wellness and assistant director of health services will be in charge of managing the grant funds.

One of the main goals Murr hopes to get across to members of the campus and the community is that mental health issues are not something to be ashamed of. Murr believes the negative stigma placed on mental health problems prevent a large number of victims from seeking help.

"We need to raise awareness about mental health issues," Murr said. "The negative stereotypes associated with mental health keep people from seeking help. If there is a physical injury you would seek help, this shouldn't be different."

The grant funds will make it possible to provide training to all faculty, staff and any other University officials that have contact with students. It will also allow for the creation of a crisis hot-line where students will have 24 hour access to seek help.

Campus Safety will assist in providing the necessary training.

"We will be training students, staff and community to identify symptoms and the resources available to get that person the assistance they need," Director of Campus Safety Clarence Green said.

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BEAUTIFYING THE CEMETERY



DANIELLE HENRICKSON, a freshman at Northwest, rakes leaves and debris from the headstones at Cain Cemetery. The cemetery was primarily used between 1856 and 1977, recently falling into disrepair.

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Businesses hurt by spikes

By Kimberly Brand
Chief Reporter

Stock reports and attention on corporate petroleum seems much more prevalent, thanks to high gas prices.

Last week, Exxon-Mobil reported third quarter net profits of nearly \$10 billion. It may seem the oil companies rake in profits as citizens suffer at the pumps; however, even the satirical cigar-puffing oil baron must put gas in his car.

According to John Bisney of the American Petroleum Institute, people should not forget the large expenses paired with oil company revenues.

"When people read the income, yes, that's a big number," he said. "But expenses are also a big number. We fit in very much aligned with other industries."

API calculations depicted on graphs provided to the Northwest Missourian show oil and natural gas industry

earnings as median, with cents per dollar of sales earned actually lower than industries including pharmaceuticals, insurance and food, beverage and tobacco.

API information also shows an estimated 64 percent of 2005 company funds will go to drilling and exploration in U.S. projects; production and refining follow at 12 and eight percents, respectively. The companies exert much effort to communicate their work to improve and expand to better meet U.S. and world energy needs.

"I'm a big believer in conservation," Scott Dean, BP America, Inc., said. "I work for a company that knows using energy wisely is not only ethical, it's good business practices."

Dean said BP takes years to construct world projects, which cost billions of dollars.

The raging oil market spurs increased investment in the energy industry, prov-

ing profitable for individual investors as well. Many investors "took advantage of profits" of oil stock, meaning they sold it. According to John Yancey, Maryville independent investment representative for Edward Jones, it's important to note the current cost for crude oil now sits below the important \$60 mark—at market close Wednesday, crude oil cost \$59.75 per barrel.

"It could be that we are seeing simply less consumption at the pumps," Yancey said. "But in the case of Exxon-Mobil...the point is, the price of oil more than offset a five percent decline in production, and demand continues to remain strong."

Scott Dean remarked positively on increased trading and interest in the stock market.

"It's an example that the market does work; that it does supply to classic supply and demand," he said.

Trust fund helps create center

By Tracie Giaccetti
Staff Writer

Nodaway County recently received a \$33,900 grant to complete the Multi-Purpose Center at the Mazingo Lake Youth Camp.

The grant was generated from the Gladys Rickard Trust Fund, a Hopkins, Mo., woman who died last year and left funds to go toward non-profit organizations in the Nodaway County area.

Funds from the Rickard trust have been dispensed to other organizations throughout the city, including the Humane Society and the Red Cross Foundation, Mazingo Park Superintendent David Middleton said.

The Multi-Purpose Center began construction in mid 2004, and is expected to be complete in early 2006.

The Center will include four main rooms, including two bathrooms, one kitchen and a large meeting area.

A majority of the funds for the construction of the center were generated from Mazingo tax funding, Middleton said.

The Rickard trust fund will go toward things needed to finish off the

building such as kitchen appliances, kitchen utensils, and tile flooring throughout the entire building.

"It's nice to have seating for 75 people or so for groups to cook their meals in a kitchen other than using camp fires," acting City Manager Matt Unrein said.

When the Multi-Purpose Center is finished, the youth camp will have a place to do indoor activities and dinners.

"The fund is something that will help the people and youth of Nodaway County and other non-profit organizations," Middleton said.

Unrein said the Multi-Purpose Center would be a comfortable environment to hold meetings and gatherings, especially when weather threatens outdoor activities.

"It gives the chance for the people [of the youth camp] to be able to hold activities indoor that you can't do very well outside with the wind and all like arts and crafts," Unrein said.

"It gives the youth enrichment at the camp that can also provide a comfortable atmosphere that's air conditioned and heated."

CITYBRIEFS

Focus group series planned for school

The Maryville R-II District will hold a series of focus groups over the next couple of weeks.

The groups will collect data from parents, business leaders and students on what area the district has improved—or needs to improve—upon.

Students collecting Toys for Tots

Second grade students at St. Gregory's Catholic Center are collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program sponsored by the Today's Civic Women of Maryville.

Donations can be submitted at the St. Gregory's Catholic school.

Unemployment system sees relief

The U.S. Department of Labor granted Missouri's request for an avoidance of a reduction of \$50 million in Federal Unemployment Tax Act Tax Credits.

The state's unemployment insurance system began borrowing money from the federal government in 2003 to cover claims.

The inability to repay the loans put Missouri in jeopardy of losing millions in tax credits.

City firing range proposed

By Kyle Martin
Staff Writer

Representatives from the Missouri Department of Conservation met with city officials last week to discuss the possibility of opening a public firing range in Maryville.

The meeting was sparked from numerous requests made by Nodaway County residents to open a public firing range for pistols and rifles.

Despite the community outcry, acting City Manager Matt Unrein is uncertain Maryville can accommodate a firing range. City officials were under the impression the department would pro-

vide the land needed to construct a firing range, Unrein said.

"Unfortunately, some of the guidelines the department has as far as location and clear areas are concerned are pretty substantial and we don't meet the conservation criteria, Unrein said. "We had expectations that the department was going to have a proposal with new conservation lands but that was not the case in the meeting last week."

Nodaway County resident Andy Abbott said he supports the installation of a firing range but safety should be a definite concern.

"What I am for is that it gives a safe place for the

youth to go and learn how to properly shoot a gun," Abbott said. "Some people practice shooting safer than others but this can be a designated place for youth to learn how to shoot and handle guns."

Abbott mentioned that once land is located it will take time to set up the range because the conservation department will need to hold budgetary meetings to discuss finances for the land.

Unrein said the city will continue to search for federal or publicly owned land in Nodaway County to locate an area to open a firing range.

Attempts to contact the department were unsuccessful at press time.

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OURVIEW

Marijuana less threat than perceived by most residents

The mile-high city becomes perhaps more so, as of last week.

Denver voters passed Initiative 100, or "High-100," an amendment allowing Denver citizens over the age of 21 to possess one ounce or less of marijuana. Local authorities say state possession laws will be enforced, while according to the new law, authorities cannot cite residents for smoking marijuana in private homes.

Denver follows the efforts of Oakland and Telluride, Colo. Both cities attempted similar laws regarding the lowering of enforcement policies for marijuana; Telluride's measure was defeated but Oakland's 2004 measure passed.

In the Denver Post, Mayor John Hickenlooper was quoted as saying, "It's really symbolic of changing attitudes."

We couldn't agree more, and give Denver voters a high-five—no pun intended—for such a progressive and realistic perspective.

The idea of marijuana as a lowest enforcement priority leaves authorities with more time to monitor and apprehend abuse of a much more dangerous drug—alcohol. Numerous studies show marijuana as much less harmful to the brain and body than other drugs, reinforced by 10 total states' legalization of marijuana for licensed, specified medical use. If people in Denver wish to smoke marijuana in their living room they still

violate law by doing so, but they will not receive a citation for using it in a private residence—and they won't be behind the wheel of a car.

We feel this amendment truly shows the changing attitudes, as Hickenlooper said, as more Americans realize what most Europeans have known for a long time: There are bigger fish to fry, fatter donuts to fry, thicker joints to...never mind.

Possession of marijuana still equals jail time in Missouri. "Reefer madness" causes much less destruction of health and humanity, but still results in loads of paperwork, when compared to a monstrous methamphetamine problem we simultaneously face.

Marijuana could and should be a ticket-worthy offense, certainly for initial convictions; we feel this would not lead to the speculated future of relaxed views and/or prosecution of more dangerous drugs. "It's only meth," probably won't ever be uttered—and rightfully so. Cocaine, methamphetamine and heroin provide examples of jail time-worthy offenses—one ounce or less of marijuana? Not so much.

In the meantime, we applaud Denver voters for their example to America of relative and rational viewing of issues. Perhaps we should examine which is the bigger hazard: Marijuana, or the trans-fat-fortified nightmare of Oreos eaten during a case of the "munchies."

Cop car ride uneventful

I've got some good news and some bad news. Here is the good news first.

Maryville residents can sleep easier at night knowing their town is safe.

Now, here is the bad news.

Maryville residents can sleep easier at night knowing their town is safe.

OK, maybe that is not bad news for the residents of Maryville, but it is bad news for a reporter riding along with Maryville Public Safety.

It seemed like a good idea; ride around with a Maryville police officer and see crime in action. I came up empty handed; there was no exciting action to be witnessed.

Saturday night may have been the most boring night of my entire life. I am disappointed in the whole city of Maryville. It was a Saturday night and all the whole city could come up with was a house's alarm that accidentally went off, and oh, wait, don't let me

Swimming with the Shark



Dennis Sharkey
Chief Reporter

forget about the one speeding ticket issued.

By the way, dropping police officer's names to other police officers will not get you out of the ticket. They don't care and it is embarrassing to the officer whose name you did drop.

Officer Aaron Jones who was so kind to let me join him on his adventure said it has been boring all school year and generally crime seems to be down.

What is wrong with all of the criminals here? Have you become just as apathetic as half of the seniors just waiting to get out of here?

I was not asking for much folks. Just a little domestic dispute or some heavy alcohol and drug use. It is not like I was asking for a homicide.

All kidding aside, Maryville police officers are very bored in their jobs and residents can go to bed tonight knowing that officers are sitting on the ends of their chairs waiting to do something exciting.

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DANIELA ZIM



Sister city thankful for generosity

By Dwight Jodon
Eunice, La.

In a word: WOW! We are struck speechless and are humbled by your kindness!

These last two months have taken a toll on Southern Louisiana in a way that we have never experienced. The devastation from the hurricanes is beyond our ability to comprehend - hundreds of thousands of our neighbors were rendered homeless in mere hours. This experience has stripped away the trivial and mundane and focused us squarely upon humanity - profession, race and social status were rendered completely meaningless. Friends, neighbors and fellow citizens rallied to the cause to provide that which we all take for granted: food and shelter.

Eunice, La., served as "home" for over 3,000 evacuees in the weeks following Katrina. Sixteen shelters (churches, hotels, campgrounds and retreat centers) were opened to provide hot meals and safe havens. It is estimated that local families took another 1,500-

2,000 evacuees into their homes.

At this point, the needs of evacuees have moved beyond soap and blankets. Through the grace of God and the compassion of thousands of citizens who launched into action, we have survived the initial period of providing the bare necessities. We have transitioned into a new phase of relief - rebuilding.

Hundreds of evacuee families have made the decision to settle here in Eunice. Facing the reality that their homes are completely destroyed and that they have nothing more than a few bags of belongings, our mission now turns to assisting them with furnishings and supplying their new homes and apartments "from scratch."

Understand, their requests for assistance are not for luxury items or toys. One of the most common requests is simply for a mattress to sleep on. Your generous cash donations have enabled us to purchase beds, stoves, refrigerators and other basic appliances for many families.

Funds were getting low. Then, from heaven (through Maryville,

Mo.) came a check for \$4,000!

As we witnessed the unloading of the truck yesterday (Tuesday, Nov. 1), we labored to choke back our emotions as items that will impact the evacuee families immediately were delivered. Washer/dryers, bedding, kitchen supplies, lamps, etc. - these were all items on the long list of needs at this very moment. Your attention to detail by fulfilling precise needs in such a timely manner is surely, as Deb Powers said, "a God thing."

We have laughed and cried with evacuees for so many weeks now. However, words cannot express the impact of your generosity. We sincerely hope that this is the beginning of a long relationship between our two communities.

To yesterday's guests, you hold a special place in our hearts. We look forward to hosting you (and others) in the future, and we hope to have the honor of visiting Maryville in the future.

To summarize: Cash and supplies delivered, THOUSANDS. Personal touch, generosity, kindness and compassion: PRICE-LESS! God bless you all!

MAILCALL

The wrapping of approximately 22 pallets full of items the community had donated. Thank you to Rich Hallenberg at NOCOMO Industries, Inc., for providing the pallets and for adding nine pallets of items, thus filling the truck to capacity.

Kawasaki donated an ATV, which will be raffled off at a drawing Dec. 16 at Winter Wonderland. Thank you, Steve Bratt of Kawasaki for bringing the ATV to all of the events at which we have been selling tickets and to Carol Jean and Harold Osborn for consistently being at these events to sell tickets.

Several student organizations at Northwest Missouri State University have been instrumental in our sister city effort, and of course we want to offer a special thanks to you - the members of this community who have participated at the various fund-raising events and given from your heart!

To date, we have given \$11,000 in cash to the city of Eunice, and they are using the money to help those that lost everything in the storms. But our efforts are not complete. We are still raising funds for our sister city, so please

continue to give as you feel you can.

Kindest regards,
Deb Powers

Way to go Maryville

To the people of Maryville and Nodaway County and to the Northwest Missouri State University community:

The caring and charity that the good people of Maryville, Mo., have exhibited, along with that of the faculty, staff and students of Northwest Missouri State University are, in a word, exemplary! Moreover, the impact of the many gifts and donations that you have provided for the hundreds of hurricane victims in this area will be both dramatic and immediate. Adele and I are humbled that you thought of us as your contacts for this generous, self-initiated, humanitarian project, and we are proud to say that, for a time in our lives, we were Missourians!

Best wishes,
William Nunez III
Chancellor, Louisiana State University at Eunice

A pat-on-the-back goes to students, community

To the Editor:

What an amazing community we live in! The recent hurricanes caused a lot of chaos for our friends in the south. But when the Maryville/Nodaway County/Northwest Missouri State University community decided to locate a sister city to partner with for hurricane relief, and the information regarding needs was disseminated, you jumped at the chance to help! You all deserve a big pat on the back.

On Oct. 30 we loaded a 53-foot semi-truck filled with items needed by our sister city, Eunice, La. These items arrived in Eunice on Nov. 1. Special thanks are due to Steve Cabbage of Keane Thummel Trucking, Inc. in New Market, Iowa, for providing the truck and to Rick Nicholson the driver. Thanks as well to Lonnie Scheffe at Wal-Mart for providing staff to help load the truck. Ian Carlson, also of Wal-Mart, provided a forklift so we could load the pallets, and Chris Dieckman brought shrink wrap and orchestrated

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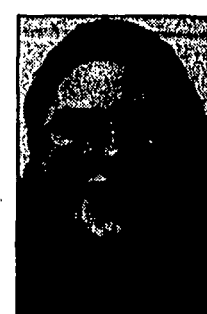
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History Education



"Pretty darn far,"
Amber Commer
Early Childhood Education



"I think we'll go all the way,"
Emily Lambert
Psychology/Sociology



"I think we'll win a couple of games,"
Kyle Dreesen
Instrumental Music Education



"As far as their little hearts will take them,"
Megan Rye
Family & Consumer Science Education



CHARRED CARS destroyed in recent violence are piled up in a dumping ground in Grigny, south of Paris Tuesday. Writing on the cars indicates the place and date the cars were burnt.

Riots break out in France

By John Leicester
Associated Press Writer

PARIS — France declared a state of emergency Tuesday to quell the country's worst unrest since the student uprisings of 1968 that toppled a government, and the prime minister said the nation faced a "moment of truth" over its failure to integrate Arab and African immigrants and their children.

Rioters ignored the extraordinary security measures, which began Wednesday, as they looted and burned two superstores, set fire to a newspaper office and paralyzed France's second largest city's subway system with a gasoline bomb.

The measures, valid for 12 days, clear the way for curfews after nearly two weeks of rioting in neglected and impoverished neighborhoods with largely Muslim communities.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin, tacitly acknowledging that France has failed to live up to its egalitarian ideals, reached

out to the heavily immigrant suburbs where the rioting began. He said France must make a priority of working against the discrimination that feeds the frustration of youths made to feel that they do not belong in France.

"We must be lucid: The Republic is at a moment of truth," Villepin told parliament. "The effectiveness of our integration model is in question." He called the riots "a warning" and "an appeal."

Despite his conciliatory tone, Villepin said riot police faced "determined individuals, structured gangs, organized criminality," and that restoring order "will take time." Rioters have been using mobile phone text messages and the Internet to organize arson attacks, said police, who arrested two teenage bloggers accused of inciting other youths to riot.

The rioting is forcing France to confront anger building for decades among residents who complain of discrimination and unemployment. Although many

of the French-born children of Arab and black African immigrants are Muslim, police say the violence is not being driven by Islamic groups.

Images of teenagers from immigrant families pelting riot police with stones and gasoline bombs reminiscent of Palestinian youths attacking Israeli patrols are resonating throughout the Arab world.

The Egyptian daily Al-Massaie referred to the riots as "the intefadeh of the poor." Arabic satellite networks have given lead coverage to the mayhem, with regular live reports. Newspapers throughout the region have closely followed the story, calling it a "nightmare" and a "war of the suburbs."

Arson attacks, rioting and other unrest have spread from the suburbs to hundreds of cities and towns though acts of violence were down somewhat Monday night from the previous evening.

Officials were forced to shut down the southern city

of Lyon's subway system after a gasoline bomb exploded in a station, a regional government spokesman said, adding no one was hurt.

Late Tuesday, rioters looted and set fire to a furniture and electronics store and an adjacent carpet store in Arras, in the northern Pas-de-Calais region and set fire to the Nice-Matin newspaper's office in Grasse, in the southeast the Alpes-Maritimes.

Nine buses were set ablaze at bus depot in Dole, in the eastern Jura region, and a bus exploded in Bas-sens, near the southwest city of Bordeaux after a gasoline bomb was thrown into it.

The 50-year-old state-of-emergency law that President Jacques Chirac invoked was originally drawn up to quell unrest in Algeria during its war of independence from France and was last used in December 1984 by the Socialist government of President Francois Mitterrand against rioting in the French Pacific Ocean territory of New Caledonia.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Incidents reported

10/30

6:44 p.m.

Smoke investigation, 800 block East Edwards.

8:11 p.m.

Fire report, minor damage, 1100 block South Sunset Drive.

11/1

5:27 a.m.

Jeremy A. Carroll, 34, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1000 block East Jenkins.

Aerie D. Aguiar, 20, Maryville, disorderly conduct, 1000 block East Jenkins.

4:55 p.m.

Assault, ongoing investigation, 400 block West 16th.

11/2

Towed vehicle, 1992 White Chevy Blazer, 600 block West Second.

3:54 p.m.

Recovered property, MHS cap and grey shirt, 1600 block South Munn.

11/04

1:57 a.m.

Amy C. Munro, 19, Maryville, MIP, careless and imprudent driving, zero tolerance, 500 block North Walnut.

Edward L. Hudson, 20, Maryville, MIP, 500 block North Walnut.

12:34 p.m.

Jeffery E. Green, 23, St. Joseph, Mo., failure to appear, 400 block North Market.

11/05

8:15 a.m.

Property damage to vehicle, 1000 block North Fillmore.

11:13 a.m.

Larceny of Subwoofer and amplifier, 900 block South Main.

11:20 p.m.

Colby J. Chestnut, 18, Maryville, MIP, 300 block South Main.

Kelly L. Hagler, 18, Coffey, Mo., MIP, 300 block South Main.

Derk E. Spire, 20, Maryville, MIP, 300 block South Main.

11/6

12:29 a.m.

Ashley M. Brunberg, 20, Omaha, Neb., MIP, 200 block West Sixth.

1:06 a.m.

Third degree assault, ongoing investigation, 400 block North Buchanan.

2:44 a.m.

Nathan A. Young, 17, Maryville, MIP, 100 block South Saunders.

7:39 p.m.

Property damage, ongoing investigation, 100 block West Sixth.

Accidents Reported

11/3

3:50 p.m.

Steven D.J. Cureton, 19, Maitland, Mo., struck Timothy R. Melvin, 43, Maryville cited for careless and imprudent driving, intersection of Second and Main streets.

11/4

1 p.m.

Geraldine W. Pierson, 71, Maryville, failed to yield and struck Doren M. Wells, 20, Maryville, intersection of Seventh and Main.

4:10 p.m.

Wendy R. Peregrine, 38, Westboro, Mo., struck Keith J. Wesley, 30, Kansas City, Mo., cited for careless and imprudent driving, intersection of South Avenue and Main.

BIRTHS

Haydin Linkin Cales

Chloe and Mike Cales, Maryville, are the parents of Haydin Linkin Cales, born Nov. 4, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 8 pounds and joins one brother Brandy-Lee Mykal Cales.

Landen Dean Miller

Andy and Lacy Miller, Pickering, Mo., are the parents of Landen Dean Miller, born Nov. 3, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

His grandparents are Corey and Jerald Everheart, and Ronnie Miller, Hopkins, Mo., Mary Jane Miller, Maryville.

His great-grandparents are Raymond and Marian Mick, Skidmore, the late Jess and Lois Everheart, Maryville, Lorraine and Dorothy Miller, Maryville, and Charles and the late Betty Baird, Savannah, Mo.

Pillows that tweet make soldiers sleep sounder in Kosovo, Iraq

By Garentina Kraja
Associated Press Writer

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA, Serbia-Montenegro — Getting a good night's sleep in the Balkans can be rough for peacekeepers bunking in a military camp far from home and family for months at a time.

So Danish researchers are testing an unusual solution — MusiCure, a soft pillow that chirps like a bird and is designed to lull soldiers to sleep in Kosovo, Iraq and other hotspots.

With built-in speakers, the white pillows release sounds from nature combined with acoustic instruments such as cellos to provide a serenade designed to help stressed-out minds shed unpleasant thoughts.

Its designers say that if it works, the pillow one day could join rifles, flak jackets and helmets as part of the basic equipment soldiers carry into conflicts.

In Kosovo, the 10 test

pillows provided by Denmark's Defense Academy have become popular among the 340 Danish soldiers deployed here, said Maj. Helmer T. Hansen, the battalion surgeon at the Danish military clinic in the province.

Soldiers can keep the pillows for two weeks, Hansen said, ticking off their benefits with the air of a hypnotist:

"You will not think about what is maybe happening with your wife at home, or your children. All thoughts will disappear, images will be created — forests, beaches, mountains. And then you will fall asleep."

During the first month of the trial, which began in late September, about 20 Danish soldiers in need of relaxation and some quick sleep in the often ethnically tense province used them to get some shut-eye.

The Danes are in Kosovo as part of a 17,500-strong NATO-led peacekeeping force that has been deployed

in the province since the fighting between Serb forces and ethnic Albanians ended in mid-1999.

The province since has been run by the United Nations. But scattered violence persists and sometimes it has targeted foreigners.

Nowhere in the province are tensions higher than in the town of Kosovska Mitrovica, where the Danish soldiers are based. The town,

which is divided by a river and ethnic animosities into a Serb-dominated north and an ethnic Albanian south, has been the scene of frequent clashes.

Last year, Kosovo saw three days of ethnic rioting that killed 19 people and injured more than 900. Now, as the province prepares for U.N.-brokered talks on its future status, there are fears of a rise in violence.

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FIGHTS: Organization strives for consumer health freedom

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The goals of Codex, according to the FAO and WHO, are "to protect the health of the consumers and ensure fair trade practices in the food trade, and to promote coordination of all food standards work undertaken by international governmental and non-governmental organizations."

However, according to SPF, the purpose of Codex is not to better the health of the consumer, but rather to completely replace organic foods and dietary supplements with pharmaceuticals, which would increase drug company profits.

Denise Weiss, Northwest mathematics instructor and a faculty sponsor of SPF, said the implementation of Codex will most likely influence Congress to pass laws based on the code's standards that restrict the types and amounts of foods and medicines the public can consume.

"If this happens, (the government) can basically control what we eat," she said. "They will be able to tell us that the food we eat has to contain certain chemicals and hormones in order to be considered safe by the FDA."

"It's the law, and we don't want that. We have the right to decide what food we eat."

She said Codex would give the FDA the ability to ban and strictly regulate supplements that are not necessarily high-risk.

"Codex wants to regulate a feeling on the supplements we take," Weiss said. "If we feel like we want to

take 1,000 milligrams of calcium, because that's what works for us, we won't be able to if they say we can only have 300."

Horticulture major and SPF member Cody Johnson said the government would have difficulty enforcing Codex standards because of strong public preference of dietary supplements.

"It's one thing to say what you can and can't grow, but what about plants we use that already grow naturally?" he said. "They can't destroy what's already here."

Codex will become a global standard in 2009, even if it does not become federal law. Weiss said the outcome of the Codex controversy depends solely on the decisions of Congress on individual bills and amendments.

She said SPF was created to raise awareness of the public's right to know and investigate situations that may greatly affect their lives. The Codex controversy, she said, is the group's first and perhaps deciding mission.

"The point of our club is to help protect Americans' freedoms. If this passes, our health freedoms will be violated, and there really won't be any point to our club at all."

To help raise awareness of its cause against current supplement-regulating legislation and Codex, SPF will host internationally recognized doctor and medical director of the National Solutions Foundation Rima E. Laibow at Northwest tonight at 7 p.m., in the Station. The presentation is open and free to the public.

MOVE: Ventria's move not welcomed by farmers

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Martin claims Ventria tried relocating to other states, but those states would not allow them. He said the company never contacted his organization or any other farmers. If they had, Martin said they would have been told no.

Two things that concern farmers are the possibilities of a disease called Bakanae being introduced into farm crops and the possibility of birds carrying pollen from genetically modified rice into commercial plots.

Bakanae is not so much of a concern because it can be controlled by soaking rice

seeds, but cross pollination can not be.

Northwest Professor of Biology David Easterla said in an email that numerous studies have been done on birds and their digestive systems. The studies showed that no intact rice seeds were able to pass through the bird's digestive system.

Ventria President Scott Deeter has said in the past that the pharmaceuticals his company produces could potentially save millions of children's lives each year in third world countries and other countries around the world.

Martin and other farmers believe the motivation

behind Ventria is just lip service, and the company and school officials are only worried about their bottom line.

"Scott Deeter (Ventria President) keeps saying they are going to help children in third world countries," Martin said. "How are they going to save those children when those countries don't even allow these drugs? They're not doing it for the children, they're doing it for a humongous profit. They're doing it for themselves and padding their own pockets."

Several attempts to contact Ventria were not returned.

Gonorrhea rates highest in St. Louis

St. Louis, which has ranked high in cases of sexually transmitted diseases in the past, has the worst gonorrhea rate in the nation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The city also ranked second in chlamydia and fifth in rates of syphilis nationwide.

The CDC report, which uses 2004 data, says young people, minorities and men who have sex with men were at greatest risk.

Syphilis and chlamydia rates rose nationwide, while gonorrhea rates dropped to a historic low.

Doctors are required to report cases of gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia. But sexually transmitted diseases are vastly underreported overall.

The CDC says 2,440 cases of gonorrhea were reported in St. Louis, a rate of 734 cases per 100,000 people. It says 4,130 cases of chlamydia were reported, a rate of 1,243 cases for every 100,000 people.

All three diseases increase the possibility of HIV transmission.

The CDC said untreated sexual infections can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, infertility, neurological damage and death.

POW: Veteran soldier recalls battlefield days

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he'd become comfortable McFarland experienced a second, harder dose of reality. The Koreans captured him during a routine combat mission and imprisoned him and another member of his outfit.

"It was bad," McFarland said. "They didn't take any mercy on anybody. They served us just a cup of rice a day. That's all we got. But I ate cockroaches because they had protein in them and

if you couldn't move they'd take a rifle butt and smack you with it."

McFarland said he spent 14 months in the Korean prison before being released in a series of POW exchanges.

Following his release, McFarland said he was transferred to a hospital in Kong City, then to Honolulu and finally to the Army Navy General Hospital in Hot Springs, Ark.

He was later discharged and spent the rest of his years

as an elementary school teacher in Arkansas, and as a Missouri journalist.

Despite all of his experiences, McFarland said he wouldn't change any of his time spent serving his country.

"I would have liked to make a career out of it, but the older you get you kind of just stay away from it," he said. "But if I could go back and do it all over again I believe I would because somebody has too."

Radio talk show host arrested for murder

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. - A Missouri radio talk show host was arrested Monday on a murder charge for allegedly poisoning his wife by spiking her Gatorade with a chemical found in antifreeze.

James Keown, 31, was arrested in the morning at the radio station where he worked in Jefferson City, Mo. He appeared in court by videoconference later in the day and agreed to be extradited to Massachusetts, where he was indicted for murder last week.

Prosecutors say he killed Julie Keown, 31, by poisoning her over a period of months with ethylene glycol, an ingredient in antifreeze.

Middlesex District Attorney Martha Coakley said Monday that the couple moved to Waltham from Missouri in January 2004. James Keown told his wife he would be attending Harvard Business School, but he actually took one class at Harvard's continuing education program, which he failed, according to Coakley.

By May, Julie Keown, a registered nurse, began suffering from nausea, vomiting and dizziness and developed a rash on her leg. At first, the symptoms came and went, Coakley said, but by August they had become so severe that she was admitted

to Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Doctors said her kidneys had been compromised and prescribed medications before releasing her three days later.

"It was pretty clear that she did not understand what was happening to her or that she was being poisoned," Coakley said.

Julie Keown's condition improved for a time, but on Sept. 4 she slipped into a coma. She did not regain consciousness and died four days later. A preliminary autopsy two weeks later showed she was poisoned with ethylene glycol, but it took another year of testing before prosecutors had the proof they needed to bring charges against James Keown, Coakley said.

In the meantime, he moved back to his native Missouri, where he covered the Capitol for Jefferson City radio station KLIK and hosted the "Party Line" talk show.

Keown told fellow reporters that his wife had died, but he did not say how.

He was known around the state Capitol as a friendly, outgoing and hardworking reporter. His popularity was growing and his talk show was stretched into a twice-daily event covering two hours each weekday morning and afternoon.

Proposed exemptions would address concerns

COLUMBIA, Mo. - A compromise proposal to change a voter-approved marijuana possession law would prevent certain repeat drug offenders and those convicted of other crimes from taking advantage of the new law's lenient sentencing guidelines.

An ordinance passed by Columbia voters in November 2004 requires police to treat those possessing up to 35 grams, or 1 1/4 ounces, of marijuana as low-level misdemeanor offenders. Pot owners now avoid arrest and only face municipal court fines of no more than \$250 — a punishment essentially equal to that associated with a speeding ticket.

A related measure that allows seriously ill patients to use medical marijuana within the city limits was approved on the same ballot by nearly 70 percent of Columbia voters.

Earlier this year, Columbia police officers started a petition drive to overturn the new drug possession law, which was approved by nearly 62 percent of city voters. In response, the law's chief supporter met quietly with the officers' representative, Boone County prosecutor Kevin Crane, to work out a deal.

Both Crane and civil rights attorney Dan Viets, who represents the Columbia Alliance for Patients and Education, have previously declined to discuss the particulars of the proposed com-

promise until it is formally presented to the Columbia City Council.

But a Sept. 2 letter from Viets to Mayor Darwin Hindman, obtained by The Associated Press under the state's open records law, outlines four proposed exemptions to the new law:

—those found guilty of a felony in the preceding 10 years;

—anyone found guilty in state court of a Class A misdemeanor, other than marijuana or drug paraphernalia possession, in the previous five years;

—anyone found guilty in state or municipal court of misdemeanor marijuana possession two or more times within the previous five years;

—anyone arrested on misdemeanor marijuana charges who is also held on suspicion of a felony or misdemeanor offense chargeable only under state law.

Crane said Wednesday the proposed compromise addresses the biggest concern by Columbia police: Hardened criminals will exploit a law intended to cut nonviolent, first-time offenders a break.

"It's essentially recognizing that there should not be a one-size-fits-all standard for offenders," he said. "If you have someone with a significant criminal history, they should not receive the same benefits as someone without a significant criminal history."

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Slight calls it quits

Bearcat volleyball head coach Lori Slight announced her resignation from her duties at Northwest last Thursday. Personal reasons were cited for the decision.

"It is all because of family," Slight said in a release. "I miss my husband, Jay, and son, Nick. It was a family decision."

During the last three seasons as head coach Slight has compiled a 35-54 record with the 'Cats. This season the team finished 15-19, tying last season's win total and the most wins during a year since 2000.

"This last year did not reflect how strong this program is," Slight said. "At times, we clicked on all cylinders. Hopefully the girls will take those moments into next season."

Slight will continue her duties until Dec. 31 and a search for her replacement begins immediately.

-Andy Timko

Cross country ends year in Texas

By Andy Timko
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest men's and women's cross country teams wrapped up their season Saturday when the final runner crossed the line at the NCAA Regional Meet.

Unseasonably warm weather in Abilene, Texas, caused the 'Cats problems and contributed to a seventh place finish for the men and a 12th place finish for the women.

Temperatures hovering near 80 degrees and a relative humidity of 80 percent took its toll on many runners including one Bearcat, who suffered from heat exhaustion.

"It kicked our rear ends pretty badly," men's coach Richard Alsop said. "As hot and humid as it was it was really affecting everybody."

Freshman Anna O'Brien, who finished the 6K run 31rd overall and first for the 'Cats with a time of 24:42.5, led the women's team. O'Brien was trailed by Karah Spader who finished 33rd overall with a time of 24:42.7.

O'Brien and Spader finished first and second for the 'Cats in every meet this year.

"I think it was a really successful year," women's coach Scott Lorek said. "We had a lot of good improvements out of people. Having a year of experience is going to benefit them greatly (next year)."

O'Brien had never run in a cross country meet before entering this season with the 'Cats, making her year even more impressive. Lorek wants her to use this year to build upon for next season.

"She was an accomplished track runner in high school," Lorek said. "But here the strategy is different. The layout is different. Having that kind of experience is huge."

The men's team was led by Junior Drew Wilson who finished the 10K run 26th overall with a time of 34:54.7.

Junior Matt Pohren was close behind Wilson and finished 27th with a time of 34:58.

"We have come a long way with every meet this season," Alsop said. "It's been a rewarding season and we return everyone next season. I think we'll build upon our maturity and the year of experience."

Central Missouri State won the women's title while Abilene Christian was the men's champ.



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE / PHOTO EDITOR

NORTHWEST BEARCAT starting quarterback, Josh Lamberson, far left, is congratulated by teammates after scoring a touchdown in the first quarter against Southwest Baptist. The Bearcats now travel to San Angelo, Texas, to face Angelo State in the first round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

TEXAS BOUND

Bearcats slip into postseason with sixth seed

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Mel Tjeerdsma is just happy Pittsburg State didn't fall too far.

After the Gorillas were annihilated 83-21 Saturday by Central Missouri State, the question was how far the Gorillas would drop in the regional rankings.

The Northwest football coach's thinking was that wherever Pittsburg State was, the Bearcats had to be behind them since they lost to the Gorillas 56-35 a couple weeks ago.

When Pittsburg State received the fifth seed Sunday in the Southwest Region, Tjeerdsma sighed in relief.

"I think quite honestly part of our problem was we were kind of tied to Pitt; it'd be pretty hard to put us ahead of Pitt a week after they beat us," Tjeerdsma said.

"With them getting beat as bad as they did it dropped them down so I'm just glad they didn't drop them to sixth because we probably wouldn't be playing."

Even though Northwest won Saturday against Southwest Baptist University, they still fell a spot back from fifth to sixth. Now Northwest will have to keep their season alive by traveling, for they will not host a home game since they are the lowest seed.

"In our particular scenario, we're just happy to be in the playoffs. We're going to be road warriors," defensive end Dave Tollefson said. "We're just going to have to battle."

The first trip: San Angelo, Texas. The 'Cats will play Angelo State (9-2), a team that jumped from seventh to third in the regional rankings in the last week.

"I think we've got a good draw, I think we've got a good bracket," Tjeerdsma said. "I don't think there is anybody in our region that we can't beat, I really feel that way. Now, it's just a matter of going out and proving it

and it starts in San Angelo."

Angelo State finished second in the Lone Star Conference behind West Texas A&M, the No. 1 seed in the region. One thing Angelo State knows how to do is win close games. The Rams have won five of their games by five points or less.

Last week they ended their regular season by defeating Texas A&M-Kingsville on the road 54-51 in overtime.

Offensively, the defense will have to shut down running back Kyle Fox, who averages 113 yards per game and has 19 total touchdowns.

"They don't do much, they just kind of run the ball down the hill and a lot of play action pass but what they do...they do really good," Tollefson said. "The key is going to be stopping that running game, make them get into third and long situations and try to get that pass rush going and just playing hard. That's all I try to ask the guys every game—is give me 100 percent."

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'Hounds depart with emotional victory

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

Sitting at 1-7 going into Thursday night's game the Maryville Spoofhound football team had been unable to find the winning magic all season long.

That all changed on senior night as the 'Hounds 13 seniors helped the team find some magic and grab the win 33-13 over the visiting Savannah Savages.

"I'm happy for our seniors, because they were able to end their high school playing career with a win over an arch rival," Coach Paul Miller said. "I thought our kids showed a lot of character throughout the game."

The game remained scoreless through most of the first quarter until quarterback Andy Walter ran the ball into the end zone from seven yards out with 2:29 remaining.

The score gave the 'Hounds a 7-0 lead at the end of the quarter.

The Savages would not go quietly however as Brock Houston hauled in a 24-yard touchdown pass to tie the score at seven with 7:51 remaining in the second quarter.

The 'Hounds answered with 3:36 remaining as running back Tyler Oglesby broke loose for the 34-yard touchdown run, putting the 'Hounds back in front 13-7.

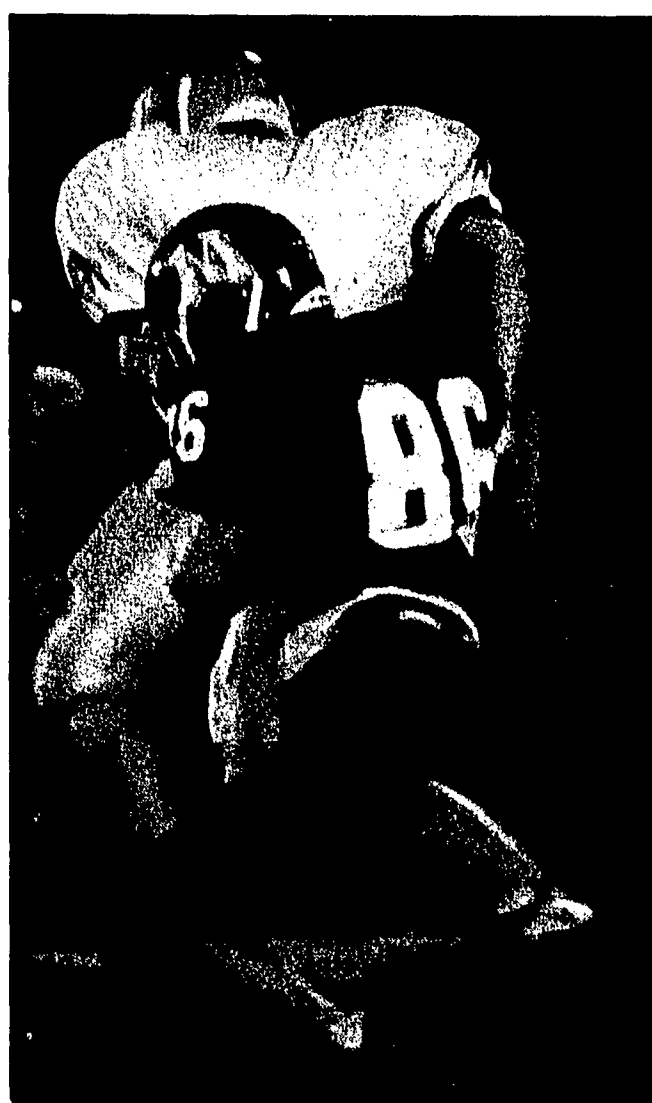
The 'Hounds continued to score before halftime grabbing two more scores before the break.

The first score came as Ben McKim forced a fumble and Nick Loghry scooped it up and ran 45 yards for the score.

The 'Hounds defense was a puzzle that Savannah seemed unable to solve most of the evening.

"Coach Lohafer had some things planned that were very successful at the right times," Miller said. "We really slowed their running game down. All in all our kids hustled to the ball well. It was a group effort

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BEN MCKIM, 86, forces a fumble as he brings down a Savannah player Thursday night at the 'Hound Pound. McKim and the rest of the Spoofhounds picked up the win on Senior Night.

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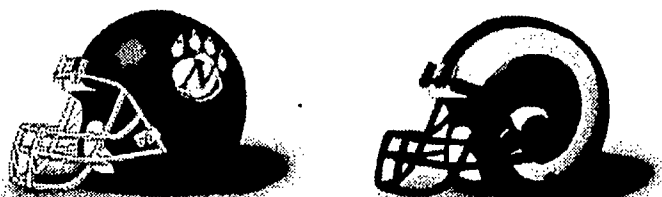
Southwest Region breakdown



No. 1 West Texas A&M and No. 2 Washburn
West Texas A&M (10-1) and Washburn (9-2) both receive byes this week. West Texas A&M will face the winner of the Nebraska-Kearney/Pittsburg State game. Washburn will play the winner of the Northwest/Angelo State game. West Texas A&M moved up last week after Washburn fell to No. 9 Missouri Western in overtime.



No. 5 Pittsburg State at No. 4 Nebraska-Kearney
Pittsburg State (8-3) will try to prove themselves after they were embarrassed in Warrensburg 83-21 by Central Missouri State. They couldn't have an easier opponent to try to do it. Nebraska-Kearney went 9-2 on the season but some critics think they got in by default. They are the lone representative of the Rocky Mountain Conference and if they finished in the top 10, which they did, they automatically receive a berth. The Gorillas will look to get out fast and if they have a somewhat healthy Germaine Race they should be able to do that. A better defensive showing might help, too.



No. 6 Northwest at No. 3 Angelo State
Angelo State (9-2) is the big surprise of the region because they jumped up from No. 7 in the region just a week ago to No. 6. They have won five games of their games by less than five points. This game could be a shootout. Angelo State gives up over 400 total yards of offense per game but the Rams offense gains just about the same amount of yards. If Northwest can stop Rams running back Kyle Fox and click offensively on their own they should be in good shape.

PLAYOFFS: 'Cats traveling deep into the heart of Texas

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The team will take off on a charter flight at approximately 10 a.m. Friday from St. Joseph, Mo., to San Angelo.

"I think our kids are really excited to go on the road, at our level we don't get a chance to fly much so it's sort of a neat deal that we're flying," defensive Coordinator Scott Bostwick said.

They will then have dinner hosted by Angelo State that night and on Saturday they will play at noon. Pittsburg State will travel to play the fourth seed, Nebraska-Kearney. Whoever wins that game travels to Canyon, Texas, the next week

to play the No. 1 seed, West Texas A&M. If Northwest beats Angelo State they will travel to Topeka, Kan., to play conference rival Washburn.

The team believes they are where they need to be for a long run in the playoffs.

"I think we can, we got the guys to do it," Tollefson said. "If you look around man for man as far as comparing us to national championship teams we got a lot of great players on this team. As of lately we've been starting to play a little bit better, especially (Southwest Baptist, we got a lot of young guys that got to play, too. So, we'll see. If we can get past Angelo I like our odds."

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Bearcats power into playoffs

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest Bearcats took the field Saturday knowing that a loss to Southwest Baptist would eliminate them from the playoffs.

The pressure to win resulted in a 49-14 thumping of Southwest Baptist.

"We did our part," Coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We wanted to come out and have a great offensive showing and we did that."

The 'Cats wasted no time getting things started as quarterback Josh Lamberson ran the ball in from the 32-yard line for the first score of the day with 13:45 remaining in the first quarter.

Lamberson struck again with 9:04 left in the quarter, this time running the ball in from five yards out and making the score at the end of the first quarter 14-0.

"We accomplished what we wanted to accomplish," quarterback Josh Lamberson said. "We wanted to start fast. We had a major emphasis on that at practice and we came out and executed early. We're very happy about the way it turned out."

Northwest scored once more on a six-yard touchdown pass to Andre Rector before SBU finally got on the board with 7:06 remaining in the second quarter.

The SBU score made it 21-7, but Northwest pushed ahead and continued to pull away, scoring three more times before halftime. The score at the break stood at 42-7.

SBU scored late in the third



PHOTO BY MIKE DYE/PHOTO EDITOR
XAVIER OMON runs around a Southwest Baptist defender Saturday at Bearcat Stadium. The Bearcats won the game and secured a spot in this weekend's playoffs.

quarter as quarterback Robert Clardy ran in from 5 yards out to make the score 42-14.

The defense had an impressive day allowing 234 yards in total offense and only two scores while facing injury problems.

"We told the young guys that they needed to build up some trust before the playoffs," junior Ryan Waters said. "They got out there and played hard and they did a good job."

Northwest scored the only points of the fourth quarter on a 23-yard touchdown pass from Joel Osborn to Trey Sime-one making the final score 49-14.

Perhaps the strongest

point for the 'Cats on Saturday was the play of the offensive line who seemed to always be opening up holes and protecting the quarterback long enough for the pass to be thrown.

"The point of attack was really pretty well blocked most of the time today," Tjeerdsma said. "It was the quietest team I'd ever been around in warm-ups, but the offensive line was ready. We took it down and scored the first time and we just kept going after that."

The work of the offensive line was apparent by the number of yards running back Xavier Omon put up. Omon rushed for 199 yards on 26 carries and one touchdown.

"The offensive line did a great job blocking," Omon said. "Coach told me where to go and I just found the holes."

The win couldn't have come at a better time. After the loss to Pittsburg State the 'Cats had to have the win over SBU to ensure that their playoff hopes stayed alive and now the SBU game serves as a launching pad into the postseason against San Angelo State.

"This was what the doctor ordered for us," Tjeerdsma said. "We said that we wanted to come in on the move and with some momentum and I think that we're going to do that."

Lineman earns honors

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

Dave Tollefson has seen his share of adversity this season.

Steve Williams went out for the season with a sports hernia and Dallas Flynn fought through shoulder injuries. Tollefson also experienced pain in his shoulder.

However, that didn't keep him from leading the team with nine sacks and playing in nine games. He also accumulated 39 tackles, forced a fumble and blocked a punt.

For all this Tollefson was named the MIAA's Most Valuable Defensive Player. The

senior is the second straight Bearcat to receive the award as linebacker Adam Long earned it last year.

"I think that did help me to finally have a little pressure," Tollefson said. "I mean last year I didn't have to be a great player, we had a lot of great players on defense. This year I had to be and it's a good feeling."

Defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick said he was happy for Tollefson.

"It sort of kind of surprised me because he missed some games but he certainly was a dominant player when he was in there ... that's a great honor," Bostwick said.

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Oct. 1	at Emporia State	1 pm
Oct. 8	Washburn	1 pm
Oct.	OPEN	
Oct. 22	Central Missouri - homecoming	1:30 pm
Oct. 29	at Pittsburg State	2 pm
	Fall Classic at Arrowhead IV	
Nov. 5	Southwest Baptist	1 pm

All times subject to change



ADAM MATTSO runs into a wall of Savannah Savages defenders in Thursday night's game at the Hound Pound. The Spoofhounds beat the Savages 33-13 in their final home game of the season.

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West Nodaway surges past Mustangs

By Brett Barger
Staff Writer

Friday night, West Nodaway and North Nodaway were not playing for a playoff berth but just to finish the season with a win.

West Nodaway Rockets (6-4) used a strong second half to edge past the North Nodaway Mustangs (4-6), 56-41.

North Nodaway coach Jeff Blackford was disappointed with the team's performance in the second half.

"We just didn't execute. Penalties put us back," he said. "Play calling was a bit lax. Sometimes we executed, sometimes we didn't."

Rockets senior running back Chris Chitwood finished his high school career with two rushing touchdowns, a receiving touchdown and an interception on defense.

The West Nodaway coach Matt Messick had nothing but high hopes for his running back.

"Chris is a phenomenal athlete. He's a great leader," he said. "We're going to try to get him on a college field somewhere. He's a hard worker and a good kid."

Jace Randle, starting at wide receiver caught two touchdowns in the losing effort.

West Nodaway struggled to find the end zone in the first quarter. On their first possession they fumbled, which led to a touchdown by Mustang running back Shawn Frueh.

With 4:25 left, West Nodaway quarterback Jesse Davison put the Rockets on the board with a touchdown run. A failed two-point conversion gave the Mustangs a 7-6 lead at the end of first quarter.

In the second quarter, both offenses came alive. With

7:30 left, North Nodaway quarterback Jacob Greeley hooked up with wide receiver Jace Randle for a touchdown catch, extending their lead to 13-6.

A fumble by North Nodaway gave West Nodaway good field position and resulted in a touchdown run by Chitwood, to pull them within one at 13-12.

After a three and out by the Mustangs, the Rockets took the lead on another touchdown run by Chitwood with 4:30 left to go up 20-13.

North Nodaway answered right back with 2:03 left in the second quarter when Randle once again hauled in a touchdown catch. A successful conversion put the Mustangs up 21-20.

With time ticking down in the first half, West Nodaway went to the air when Davison connected with receiver Alan Calfee for a touchdown. After the conversion, West Nodaway led 28-21 at halftime.

In the third quarter, the North Nodaway offense sputtered. They went three and out on their first two possessions, threw an interception on their third and failed to convert on a fourth down on their fourth possession.

West Nodaway took advantage of North Nodaway's misfortunes scoring 14 points to take a commanding 42-21 lead going into the fourth quarter and would hold on for the win.

Messick said the key to the win was pressure in the Mustangs' scoreless third quarter.

"We tried to get more pressure on the quarterback," he said. "Our guys played well and we had a lot of effort and we prepared well all week long."

Soccer finishes season

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

The Northwest women's soccer team's season came to an end on Sunday with a 4-0 loss to Missouri Southern on the road.

The 'Cats ended the season with a winning record at home, going 4-3-2 at Bearcat Pitch and 5-8-5 overall.

Freshman Jessica Braun and junior Kayla Griffin were both named to the All-MIAA

second team, while senior Katie Flower earned an honorable mention.

In addition to being named to the All-MIAA second team Flower also led the team in scoring with six goals this season as well as being the team's leader in assists with three.

The 'Cats also set a new NCAA record this season by taking part in nine overtime matches. The team also broke the school record, which stood at seven games.

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with determination to get the ball and stop them."

The second score came with 32 seconds left in the first half as Oglesby ran the ball in from a yard out, making the halftime score 25-7 Maryville.

The Savages struck first in the third quarter and it appeared as though the momentum may be shifting as Houston hauled in his second touchdown reception of the evening, running the ball the length of the field for the

99-yard score.

"I thought our kids showed a lot of character throughout the game, taking the momentum back after the 99-yard pass," Miller said. "That's not something that we've been very good at this year, but I felt that our kids did a good job of turning things around when they needed to."

The third quarter ended with the 'Hounds up by 12, 25-13.

Maryville would be the only one to score in the final quarter as Loghry intercepted

a pass and ran it back 80 yards for his second defensive score of the evening. Walter connected with McKim on a pass for the two point conversion, making the final score 33-13.

"It doesn't get any better," Loghry said. "The fumble recovery was thanks to Ben McKim. I just happened to pick it up on the first try and when the guy tipped the ball on the interception I was there to catch it and make the run back."

The seniors came through in a big way for the 'Hounds in their last game at the 'Hound

Pound. Loghry ended the evening with two defensive scores. McKim forced a fumble, grabbed a sack and hauled in three catches for 50 yards.

Both wore huge smiles after the game as they took pictures with teammates.

"It was the last night and it was at home, I wanted to go out big, I wanted our team to go out big," McKim said. "Savannah is a good team, they beat Smithville and that just shows you how much we grew these last couple of weeks. I'm proud of the whole team."

Maryville seniors should be proud of efforts

Six seniors stood alone on the playing field at Maryville high school Thursday night. A group of parents stood around and snapped photos of the moment that will forever linger in their minds.

The 'Hounds won their second game of the season Thursday night 33-13 over the Savannah Savages. There are those who would say that the win on Thursday night was for nothing. After all the 'Hounds were already knocked out of districts, but Thursday night's win meant something more than a dash in the win column and a chance to go out on top.

It was the last time that 13 seniors will ever wear green and yellow. It was the last time that they will run out onto a football field in their hometown under the lights in front of a big crowd. It was the last time that they will ever play high school football.

It couldn't have ended more perfectly for those 13 seniors. In a way the game last Thursday night summed up the 'Hounds season, more importantly it summed up the 13 men standing on the field staring at the lights.

The Maryville Spoofhound football team finished the season 2-7, something that a lot of high school football teams do throughout the nation.

This 2-7 season was different for the 'Hounds

Off the hook



Brendan Kelley
Asst. Sports Editor

though. The team struggled throughout the year. People started to doubt the team and their leader. Smaller and smaller crowds showed up to home games and even fewer fans made the trip with the team on the road.

It looked as though the 'Hounds were destined to win one game all season and send their seniors away with a loss, but just when everyone had turned their backs and pushed the 'Hounds aside something happened.

The seniors and the rest of the 'Hounds stepped onto the playing field knowing that it was their last chance. For the first time all year the 'Hounds played to the best of their ability. Everyone came together and played a complete game.

The end result was proof that a team can come together at anytime and when they do it really doesn't matter who lines up across from them.

I truly believe that it didn't matter who the 'Hounds played Thursday night. They had it in their minds that they were going to win a game. They could have beaten anyone in the state. It could have been Cameron or Platte County and it wouldn't have mattered. Thirteen seniors stepped onto the playing field at 7 p.m. knowing that no one was going to beat them.

Paul Miller said all year long that his team had

so much talent. They just couldn't seem to put it all together. I talked to Miller week after week and every time I talked to him I could tell it was tearing him up inside. He looked out onto the field and saw so much more. He saw more than reporters saw, he saw more than fans saw and at times he saw more in his players than they saw in themselves.

Towards the end I'm sure that it was all taking its toll. I'm sure Miller was doubting his abilities as a coach and I'm sure that his players were wondering why nothing seemed to go their way, but in their last game Miller's team showed him that he was right all along. They showed him that his faith was not misplaced and he showed them that their commitment to the team and each other was all worth it.

In the end everything ended like it should. Paul Miller, his 13 seniors and the rest of his team huddled

in the end zone at the end of the season with smiles on their faces.

For one night they were the best team they could be. The night belonged to the team and players and as the flashes from cameras exploded in the night 13 seniors said goodbye: goodbye to a game, goodbye to a team but most of all goodbye to a chapter of their lives that they will never get to relive, except for in those photographs being exposed by the flashes of light.

Moments like Thursday night don't come around very often. They make me smile. They remind me of all that is good and all that could still be good if we would stop fearing what the future holds for us and put our heart and soul into the moment when it matters most.

The 'Hounds left it all on the field on Thursday night and the smiles in the photographs will forever tell the story.

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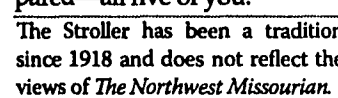
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cinema & video

Three recent video and dvd releases for the week.
Bewitched PG-13 (2005). Jack Wyatt (Will Ferrell) tries to up his acting reputation by being an un-known for his co-star in the remake of *Bewitched*, who just so happens to be an actual witch.

House of Wax R (2005). While exploring an old wax museum, six friends try to escape becoming wax figures themselves.

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Cartoon 'sitcom' hits shelf as full-feature

By Nick Watson
 Staff Writer

Stewie, the maniacal baby genius, is distracted from his plans for world domination when he sees a man who looks just like him on television. Convinced that this man must be his real father (after all, how could he possibly share genetic material with the dim-witted Peter?), Stewie sets off on a cross-country road trip to find him. But his incredible journey leads him to discoveries far more vile and shocking than anything found in his diaper.

Just when you think that the television cartoon *Family Guy* has pushed the limits with parodies, flashbacks and off the wall humor; comes *Stewie Griffin: The Untold Story!* By far, this is one of the most hilarious and satisfying TV show turned movie renditions. Many times a TV show turned movie is just an extended episode. Seth MacFarlane (the creator of *Family Guy*) pushes his creation into something that is far from being your regular Sunday evening *Family Guy*.

The tagline for the movie stress it not being censored. Whether it is our own immaturity or a breakdown of society being less cautious, a cartoon character cursing is hilarious. This phenomenon started with *South Park* years ago. The fact is, this movie takes full advantage of not having to worry about the FCC knocking on the Griffin's door.

But there is more to this movie than just allowing some cartoon characters to curse. *Family Guy* is like no other show with the level of character development. The character Stewie controls the main plot theme, but all of the family gets to show a new side of themselves. The best would be Lois Griffin drunk at the beginning. Plus a surprise and very shocking scene with Bugs Bunny.

Overall, the history of this show has been unprecedented. No network has ever brought back a show due to the gain of popularity after it was canceled. *Family Guy* has become the highest selling TV show in DVD history. That is a huge accomplishment for Fox.

If you are a fan of the *Family Guy* TV show, this is a must see. For those who haven't experienced the Griffin's, there is no better way to be introduced to them than the movie.



Student's work becomes recognized publication

By Chris Sauer
 Staff Writer

The tragedy of great artwork is that most of it won't be discovered. I guess that's why so many artists are so depressed about their craft. Artists know far better than we do that the average person won't ever realize their artistic vision.

While writers, poets and photographers have posted their artwork on weblogs such as Xanga or MySpace, a way for artists to get public feedback on their work doesn't always exist.

Here at Northwest, however, there is a group dedicated to getting artists' voices heard around campus.

Medium Weight Forks, a publication completely run by students, is the only on-campus publication for poetry, prose, photography and other artwork. The journal has been running since autumn of 1997.

"It was started by a group of artistic students in the English department several years ago," said sponsor for the publication, Bruce Litte. "And, they did a pretty crappy job with it. But, a year or so later, a more serious group of students salvaged the journal and turned it into something much greater."

Each page of the Medium Weight Forks publication is hand-crafted by students. The cover art and background images were drawn and mapped out by art majors. The layouts of the journal are very well done, and even the

text designs and fonts for the poetry and prose are artistic.

While most students involved with Medium Weight Forks are Art or English majors, that doesn't limit members to those departments in order to submit work. This allows for anyone to demonstrate their creative ability, and it shows a great diversity in artistic vision.

Currently, the journal houses some of the finest artwork on campus, and several editions are currently available at the Student Union Bookstore for about \$4. However, not many people know that Medium Weight Forks exists or how to find it.

I think that if students would merely give this book a chance, they would be pleasantly surprised. The works inside are captivating, and the talents of the writers and artists shine throughout.

Medium Weight Forks will expose you to a vast expanse of artistic genius that exists here on campus.



Chris Sauer
 Staff Writer



Film sparks profound thinking for staffer

By Nicholas Watson
 Staff Writer

The Interpreter, starring Nicole Kidman, has the making of a terrific and intelligent story. Unfortunately, this movie was still a few drafts away from being a completed script. With plot holes and pace concerns, *The Interpreter* will send most movie-goers into a deep sleep.

Kidman and Sean Penn are great with the script they had to work with. Although the pace of the movie is slow, you become enthralled with piecing the story together, if you take the time.

This movie requires the audience to be patient and knowledgeable about international diplomacy. The plot has some great thought provoking lines concerning revenge and diplomacy.

The ending is exciting and frightening. I immediately questioned events taking place right now and how they relate to this movie. For those who enjoy a meaningful and interesting idea of how some countries try to mislead others, you will find this movie worth watching.

For others looking for an action packed suspense thriller — move on.



GOSSIPBRIEFS

So, apparently new mommy Britney and apathetic hubby Kevin are on the rocks. The couple is having problems delegating baby responsibilities, "She's parenting, he's partying," as *US Weekly* reports. Whose in charge of bets on this relationship?... **Looks like** our Tommy-boy is having problems — is it bad to laugh? Since going public with baby news, Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise have been the center of criticism from all corners, including us non-celebs, stars and gossip magazines. With Cruise's ignorant antics concerning other peoples' situations, it's no wonder he's going crazy. According to *E!Online*, Cruise is slowly unraveling in stress, even firing his publicist/sister. Picked a real winner, Holmes...**Kate Hudson** is suing several publications for claiming her "too skinny" and "suggesting she had an eating disorder." Instead of turning this situation around and trying to promote her healthy eating habits and work-out regimen after giving birth in January, she does what any great American does well, creates an obnoxiously large lawsuit. Funny, usually it's the overweight people suing about food...**Lucky break** girls, *One Tree Hill* star Chad Michael Murray is back on the market. His recent split with co-star Sophia Bush, according to *E!Online*, is caused by a small crush back home. Hmm... So, does this mean he's into small town girls?

Music downloading at the brink?

By Gary Gentile
 Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The popular Internet file sharing service Grokster Ltd. may be going the way of Napster.

In a surprise settlement with the recording and movie industry announced Monday, Grokster agreed to shut down its music and movie swapping software and pay \$50 million in damages.

Grokster executives indicated they plan to launch a legal, fee-based "Grokster 3G" service before year's end under a new parent company, believed to be Mashboxx of Virginia Beach, Va.

"It is time for a new beginning," Grokster said in a statement issued from its corporate headquarters in the West Indies. On its Web site, Grokster said it "hopes to have a safe and legal service available soon."

Mashboxx, headed in part by former Grokster President Wayne Rosso, already has signed a licensing agreement with Sony BMG Music Entertainment.

The terms of the settlement ban Grokster from participating, directly or

indirectly, in the theft of copyrighted files and requires the company to stop giving away its software.

Grokster lost an important Supreme Court ruling in June when justices ruled that the entertainment industry can file piracy lawsuits against technology companies caught encouraging customers to steal music and movies over the Internet.

The court decision, which gave the green light for the federal case to advance in Los Angeles, significantly weakened lawsuit protections for companies that had blamed illegal behavior on their customers rather than the technology that made such behavior possible.

Grokster's settlement does not affect other defendants in the case, including StreamCast Networks Inc., which distributes Morpheus, and Sharman Networks Ltd., which distributes Kazaa.

The movie and recording industry plaintiffs in the case are expected to file a motion for summary judgment by early next year against the remaining defendants, and U.S. District Judge Stephen Wilson has scheduled a hearing on the matter for March 27.

Attorneys for Streamcast and Shar-

man said they would continue to fight the lawsuit.

"We think this is going to a jury," said Sharman lawyer Charles Baker.

Grokster lawyer Michael Page said outside of court Monday he believed the company would have prevailed at trial but could not afford a protracted legal battle. It was unclear whether Grokster can afford to pay the \$50 million in damages required under the agreement.

The head of the Recording Industry Association of America, Mitch Bainwol, described the settlement as "a chapter that ends on a high note for the recording industry, the tech community and music fans and consumers everywhere."

The entertainment industry's legal assault on file swapping scored its first big hit when Napster was forced in 2001 to abort its operations by a federal court. The company now charges users.

Grokster's decision was not expected to immediately affect the ability of people who already run the company's file-sharing software to download music and movies online, nor was it expected to affect users of rival downloading services, such as eDonkey, Kazaa, BitTorrent and others.

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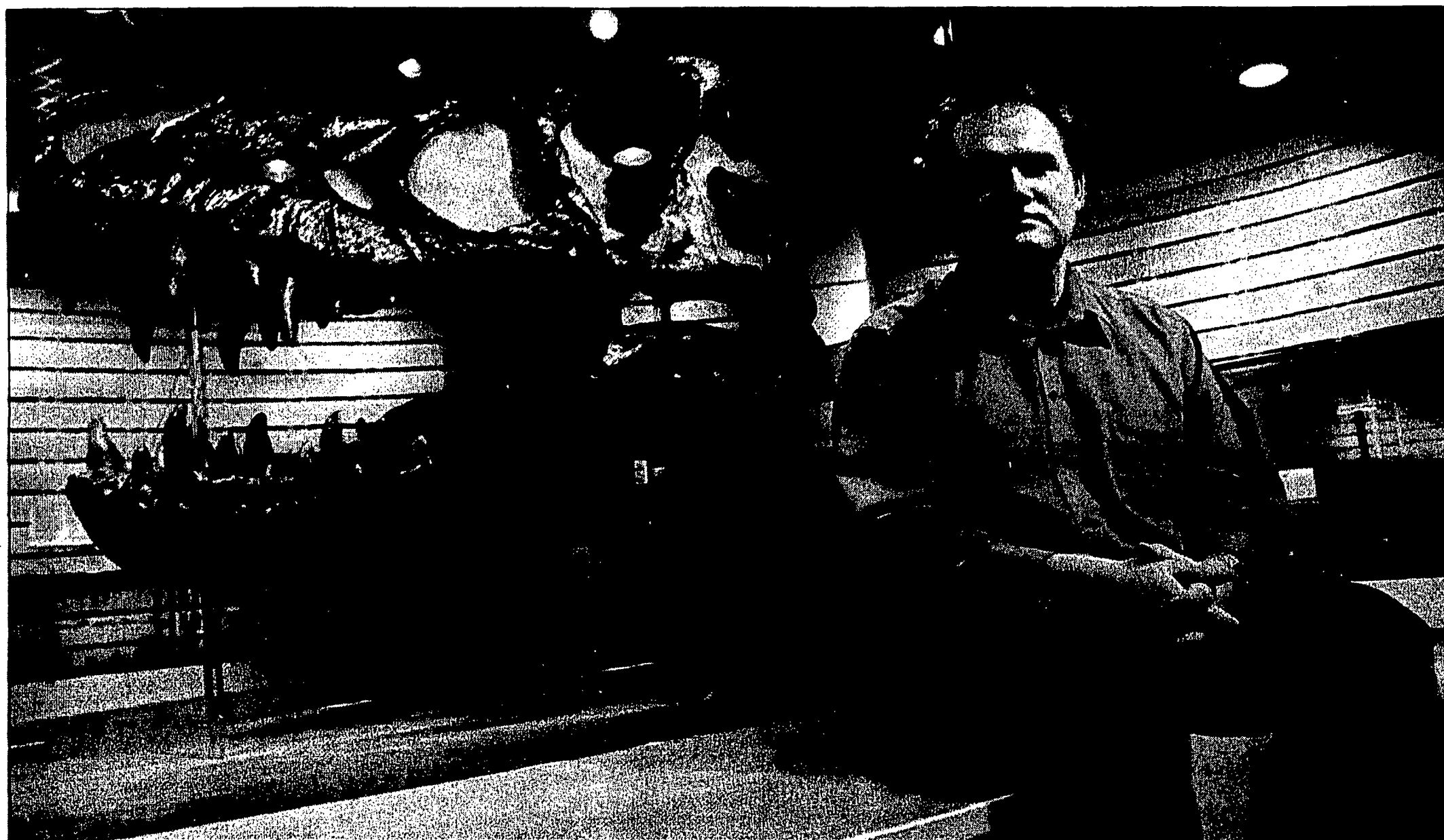


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KONDRASHOV SITS NEXT to a fossil that is similar to ones he's discovered, published papers over and developed a passion for. Kondrashov has traveled around the continental United States and several countries in Asia collecting research and digging.

Kondrashov bases his luck in the paleontology field on decisions made in life

By Kristine Hotop
Features Editor

Leading a digging tour around Montana, he noticed a large object protruding from the side of a hill. He bent down, dusted it off and noticed it wasn't a rock.

Assistant Professor of Biology Peter Kondrashov discovered the horn of a triceratops and beneath the thick layers of earth lie the entire skull.

For a man who didn't intend on stepping foot into paleontology, it's a basic occurrence when out in the field.

"Generally, I was not planning on being a paleontologist when I was a college student. I was planning on being an ecologist," Kondrashov said. "But, my last year, when I was doing my masters, we had a course that was team taught by three past paleontologists and these are some of the best professors I've ever met. I just got excited when I heard all of this stuff."

He defines his success in the decisions he's made during his life, such as becoming a paleontologist and coming to Northwest.

He received most of his collegiate training in the field of zoology, and knows a great deal about the animals that exist on earth today.

In his years of research he has built up his reputation in the paleontology field by discovering many new species.

In eastern Russia, he came across a giant jaw of an ancient Rhinoceros, previously known from a single tooth. He presented a paper at the International Conference in Brazil over his extensive research in Mongolia.

Just last year he presented another paper over his latest discoveries on the findings of a sloth-like mammal, only known in North and South America.

"The skeleton was collected in the late 70's in Mongolia-I didn't collect it-but nobody ever worked on it," Kondrashov said. "People initially thought it was related to sloths, but I found it was its own lineage that developed in Asia."

He explained that based on the bone structure, he reconstructed the eating, moving and living habits of the mammal and soon found their animal wasn't similar to the sloth. He predicted the fossil, housed in Moscow, to be over 50 million years old.

"This will result in a

publication in one of the biggest paleontologist journals next year," Kondrashov said. "Next summer I'm going back to Moscow to finish preparing the bones and the manuscript for publication."

A similar animal was discovered in China in 1979, and for 20 years was only known by one skeletal remain. Kondrashov found his discovery was the same, and both, contrary to original thought, were not of the Sloth lineage.

"It will basically change our view of evolution of sloths, because it suggests that these animals are sloths, so we have to believe that they migrated from Asia or South America quite a while ago," Kondrashov said. "But, we believe this is not the case. We believe this is a parallel lineage that evolved in Asia initially, that isn't related to sloth's."

He states paleontologists have limited knowledge of these animals, since they originated 55 to 56 million years ago.

"Basically, it's a time period we know very little about, especially in Asia," he said. "Any bit of information about the animal from this time, helps us to reconstruct the lifestyle of the animal overall."

It allows paleontologists to determine what animals lived in the area, what they ate and conclude a basic structure of the environment, such as the types of insects and climate the area had in that time period.

When he began analyzing the area, he found there were three known species of mollusks, one of his additional areas of expertise.

He is working along side Assistant Professor of Biology Jeffrey Thornsberry researching the genetic diversity of various species of mollusks.

"We hope to better understand the evolutionary relationships between the different species of mollusks," Thornsberry said. "In doing so, we will also have a better idea of exactly how genetically different or same each type is."

Thornsberry explains how the project is still in its developmental stage, but they have received some funding and are anxious to get started.

Kondrashov believes that coming to Northwest was one of his decisions that have proved valuable. This choice

allowed him to localize and familiarize himself with northwest Missouri, which he claims is "relatively undiscovered."

In 1997, on a trip to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, Kondrashov found a new species from a jawbone, two days into viewing a collection.

"It was just sitting there, basically waiting," Kondrashov said. "After comparing it to dozens of other jaws, I was like 'Wow, this is a new species'."

When analyzing a mound of clay, Kondrashov found approximately 25 new bones and described 4 new species and two new genres.

He thinks the reason he discovers so many new species is because of the lack of knowledge in certain areas.

"It's not a coincidence that I just go out and find new species, but more. What we are trying to do is explore the horizon's that are under collected," Kondrashov said. "I try and pick up the least known, usually periods in history, not geographic."

The time period he is most interested in is between 54 and 60 million years ago. According to Kondrashov, it is the least known period in the history of mammals, which only intrigues him more.

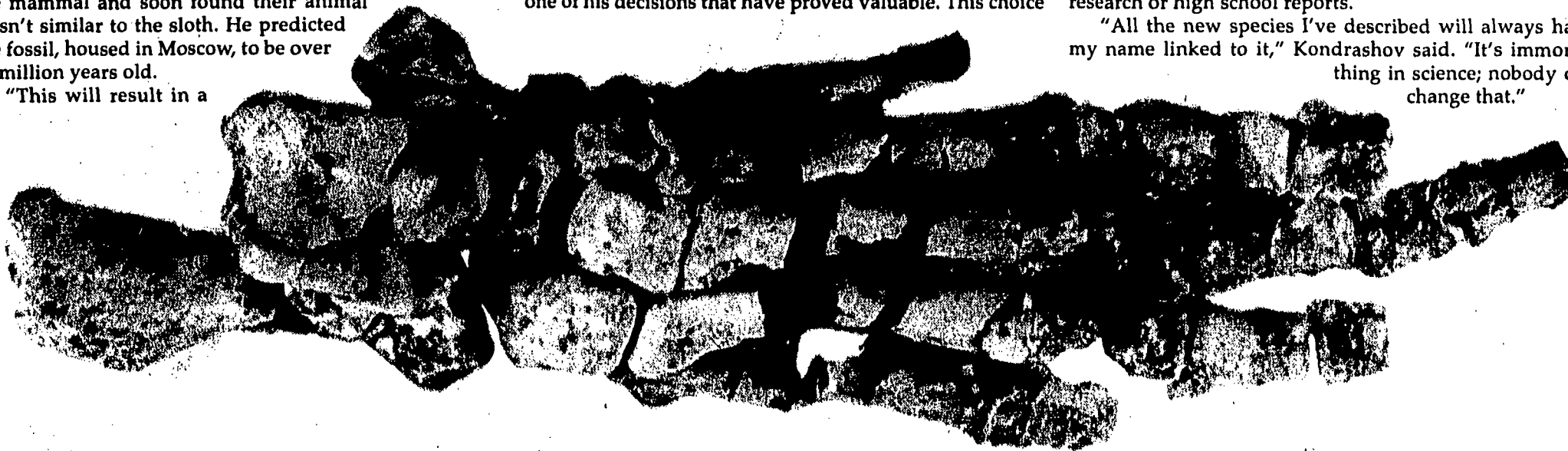
"He is a great person to talk with, and I think his students agree, because he always excited to learn something new," Thornsberry said. "He hasn't worked in the molecular biology part of studies, but he's excited to learn about it and further his research."

So far, he's been able to maintain an even balance between his teaching and paleontology work, and he will continue to keep that, even as his fame and reputation in the field grows.

"The best award an author can have is a finished publication, I have published most of the new species I've discovered," he said. "I've been awarded by several societies about my findings, but I think the best award I can get is the response from your colleagues."

Every publication or reference to Kondrashov's discoveries will be cited with his name, whether used in scientific research or high school reports.

"All the new species I've described will always have my name linked to it," Kondrashov said. "It's immortal thing in science; nobody can change that."





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Why the Bearcats are happy
about their low seeding.

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A look ahead.... Northwest Men's Basketball

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Nov. 18 vs. Rockhurst (Mo.)
5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Nov. 19 vs. Baker (Kan.)
5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Nov. 22 Graceland 7 p.m.

Nov. 25 vs. SE Oklahoma State
5:30 p.m. at Topeka, Kan.

Nov. 26 vs. Sterling (Okla.)
5:30 p.m. at Topeka, Kan.

Dec. 2 @ Lincoln 7 p.m.

Dec. 4 Northern St. 2 p.m.

Dec. 16 vs. TAMU-Kingsville
6 p.m. in San Antonio

Dec. 17 vs. Dallas Christian
6 p.m. in San Antonio

Dec. 20 St. Mary's (Tex.)
6:30 p.m. in San Antonio

Dec. 28 Dreambuilders (Ex.)
7 p.m.

Dec. 31 @CMSU 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 4 @Washburn 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 7 SWBaptist 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 11 MWSU 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 14 @ Southern 3:00 p.m.

Jan. 18 Emporia St. 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 21 Pittsburg St. 3:30 p.m.

Jan. 25 @Truman St. 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 28 CMSU 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 Truman St. 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 4 @Pittsburg St. 3:30 p.m.

Feb. 8 Emporia St. 7:30 p.m.

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Feb. 22 Washburn 7:30 p.m.

March 3 MIAA Tournament
Kansas City, Mo.
TBA

March 4 MIAA Semifinals
Kansas City, Mo.
TBA

March 5 MIAA Championship
Kansas City, Mo.
3:30 p.m.

March 10 South Central
Regionals
TBA
TBA

Bearcats not content at No. 7

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

Head men's basketball coach Steve Tappmeyer has a lot to smile about. His Bearcats come off of a 19-11 season and find themselves in a position to grab more wins this year.

"Last year we were a team that had quite a bit of adversity with injuries, but we never let it break us. I was happy with the way our kids hung together and played as a unit," Tappmeyer said. "This year we've lost a lot of seniors, but I think if we're going to put a good team together the core of it is going to be returning players."

"At this point they've done a great job with leadership. We've had a good preseason and a couple solid weeks of practice."

The 'Cats were picked to finish seventh in the MIAA this season in the preseason MIAA coaches poll. While the ranking may be fairly accurate in the eyes of the coaches throughout the MIAA senior Austin Meyer and the rest of the team have bigger plans and goals, but if those don't pan out this year they may in the near future.

"Obviously if you look at long term goals—yeah, I think (they are) winning the conference championship, but you got to take it one practice at a time and get to your next stop on the road," he said.

Tappmeyer smiles when he thinks about the work that his team put in over the summer. Junior Victor James spent a lot of time working out over the summer and his hard work in the off season has put him in a position to be a major threat inside for the 'Cats.

"Vic was probably the most dedicated in the off season. He lost 20 pounds and has been an exceptional leader," Tappmeyer said. "He's really committed himself and he's ready to be a big part in whatever we do."

James didn't see much playing time last year and took it upon himself to work hard in the off season so that he would be in a position to help the team this year.



ADDAE HOUSTON will be looked upon to help lead the Northwest Bearcats in the 2005-06 season. Houston will make up the Northwest backcourt with fellow transfer Brandon Maxie.

"He makes a great example for our whole team. He's a quality person, so many players could learn from Victor James," Tappmeyer said. "He looked at himself for the answers and didn't try to push the blame off on someone else and he went about getting in shape on his own. I hope he has a good year to reward his attitude and the commitment that he made."

To complement James underneath the basket this season the 'Cats brought in Xavier Gaines from Syracuse University. While Gaines only has one year of eligibility left the 'Cats are looking to him for leadership.

"He's made a quick adjustment. He's a very good athlete and the right kind of person," Tappmeyer said. "We've been really happy with him. I think he's just hungry to play basketball."

The 'Cats also brought in a couple of guards, Mose Howard and Reggie Robinson, to complement an already strong backcourt led by Addae Hous-

ton and Brandon Maxie.

"Our guards are better all the way around. We're going to be much more competitive at that position this year," Tappmeyer said.

Even though the 'Cats lost six seniors last year Tappmeyer feels they also held onto a number of valuable players.

"We have some real quality returnees in Vic, Austin (Meyer), Addae, Brandon (Maxie) and Matt (Withers)," he said. "We're turning to these guys for leadership and to lay a good foundation for the new players."

Looking ahead the one thing Tappmeyer wants from his team is a commitment to stay together and work hard throughout the season.

"My biggest goal is to be a team that continues to get better," he said. "We can't let the season beat us up. There are some real challenges on that schedule and I want us to approach every one of those and stay together as a team."

Bearcats by the numbers

119

Most points scored in a game last year. The 'Cats defeated Manhattan Christian 119-42 on Nov. 19.

1

Current home winning streak.

6'8"

The height of Northwest's tallest player, Hunter Henry.

4,650

Biggest crowd of the season. The game was at the Multipurpose Building against CMSU.

8

Three pointers Joel Obsorn made last season against Manhattan Christian. Osborn made 44 three-pointers on the year.

2,275

Total points scored by the Bearcats last season.

13

The number of letters in associate head coach Darren Vorderbruegge's last name.

75.8

Points scored per game last season by the 'Cats.

29

Free throws made against Emporia State last year.

298

Field goal attempts last season by Austin Meyer. He made 131 of those shots.

10

Assists by Sky Wilson against Missouri-Rolla Jan. 3.

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A shift in leadership

By Jerome Boettcher
Sports Editor

It was as if Austin Meyer had never played basketball.

The player who led his team in scoring all season couldn't get shots to go.

Meyer, who averaged 13.3 points per game, during the regular season, made only two of 10 shots from the field during his team's 71-65 overtime loss to Southwest Baptist in the MIAA Postseason Tournament.

"Personally, it was probably the worst game I played," Meyer said. "So, obviously it leaves a taste in your mouth, but sometimes that's good because I feel I had one of my better summers in the four years I've been here ... It made it easier this summer knowing that you do need to work harder to get where you want to be."

Head coach Steve Tappmeyer knows that Meyer is determined more than ever to help his team be successful and that he won't make excuses.

"Austin's never been an excuse guy he's just been a pretty

good player throughout his whole career," Tappmeyer said. "I think he got caught up last year that his game really is so much better when everything is flowing around him to where people forget about him then all of a sudden he gets that shot."

Meyer, a Blue Springs native, is in his fourth year at Northwest and has seen his share of success. In his freshman season, Meyer played in 30 games for the 'Cats and averaged nearly six points per game while playing alongside Northwest great Scott Fleming.

In his sophomore season, Meyer found himself second in scoring on the team behind All-American Kelvin Parker, who led the team to an Elite Eight appearance.

Last year, the team had six seniors but Meyer led the team in scoring with 13.3 points per game.

He has seen some change. Since he came to Northwest in 2002, Meyer and junior Victor James are the only ones left from that season this season Meyer is joined by five transfers.

"I've been through it, since

I've been here for awhile, I was the young one and I had to feed off the older guys," Meyer said. "Now it's just kind of a role reversal, where I'm the older one and (I'm) trying to get the new guys ready to go."

Meyer will graduate in the spring but he's not sure if he's ready to leave basketball quite yet.

"I can't think of anything better than coaching, staying around it," Meyer said. "It's something you're going to do everyday you wake up; you might as well enjoy doing it."

Meyer said that he thinks he might want to be a graduate assistant next year either at Northwest or at another school.

As for this season, Meyer said that the team goals are pretty high, but that the squad plans to take it game by game.

"I think pretty much the goal is to win it all here, we got a team to do it," he said. "It's just a matter of staying healthy, fighting through adversity—which is going to happen during the season—but just keep our heads up and go as far as we can."



FILE PHOTO

AUSTIN MEYER hopes to have the same type of strong showing he had during the regular season during the 2005-2006 campaign. Meyer and Victor James will be expected to lead the squad.

'Thicksauce' to make presence known on court

James' summer dedication results in new attitude, committment

By Jerome Bottcher
Sports Editor

Victor James did not make his presence felt last season.

The 6'4" forward, affectionately known as "Thicksauce," stayed glued to the bench for the most part.

Though he played in 26 games, he only averaged 13 minutes and 4.4 points per game.

"I don't want to put words in his mouth, I think he was out of shape or he wasn't in top shape—I'd say that was a factor," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "But I don't think he had the focus that he's got right now. I think we're all that way, it all kind of ties together."

James agreed with his coach that he wasn't in the best condition.

"Yeah, I wasn't as in good of shape as I should have been. Off the court eating habits and stuff like that I wasn't very disciplined and so all that stuff carries over," James said.

Now James is back. After the Crowley, Texas native had a

disappointing season he spent all summer in Maryville preparing for the 2005 season. James has lost 20 pounds and now Tappmeyer believes that focus is really there.

"Right now he's really doing exceptional in classes, he's looking good, he's in better shape than he's ever been in and he's playing well," Tappmeyer said. "He's got a confidence that goes along with that, I think because he knows he has committed here in the offseason to do it."

"He was man enough, after last season ... to look in the mirror and say 'hey I got to be a better player' and he went about doing that," Tappmeyer said.

James is just one of two players left from the 2002-2003 season. He and Austin Meyer came in the same season but James redshirted his freshman year. During the 2003-2004 season, he came off the bench and provided a powerful impact both offensively and defensively.

His breakout game came



Victor James
Junior Forward

that season during the MIAA Tournament Championship game. With his team trailing Washburn, James came off the bench and helped rally his team to victory with 13 points and five rebounds, all in the second half.

"Somebody's got to turn it around,"

James said remembering that game. "If it's a freshman, first year, coming out the first year in the tournament championship game, it's going to be a freshman. So I just made up my mind and went out there and did what I had to do."

Then last year James took a backseat. On a team with six seniors, his playing time diminished.

James said that part of the reason he didn't play as much was because he wasn't in shape. However, Tappmeyer said the efforts over the summer have been noticed.

"Something clicked," Tappmeyer said. "I think he's got a great family I think he really feels that he wants to do it for

himself and also for his family, his teammates."

"I think something just clicked and I think he probably at that point just said 'hey if I'm going to do this I'm going to totally commit to do this or I'm not going to do it.'"

This season James will be one of the players looked to for leadership. Though he is just a junior, he is in his fourth season on a team that brings in five transfers.

Tappmeyer doesn't have a set starting lineup but James said he'll do what he needs to do.

"I just want to do whatever my role is," James said. "I know (Coach Tappmeyer) wants me

to hit open shots when I come open, I'm definitely going to try to knock my shots down. I want to be a good passer and definitely hit the boards better than last year and my freshman year."

James knows that this team has what it takes to go far and he hopes that he can help push them as much as anyone else.

"Every practice we want to improve, we don't want to take any steps back and we just feel if we do that and keep progressing throughout the season, we're going to be where we want to be," James said. "That's (to) be contenders and get back to that playoff status and try to win some ballgames."

"Something clicked...I think he really feels that he wants to do it for himself and also for his family, his teammates."

— Steve Tappmeyer, men's basketball head coach

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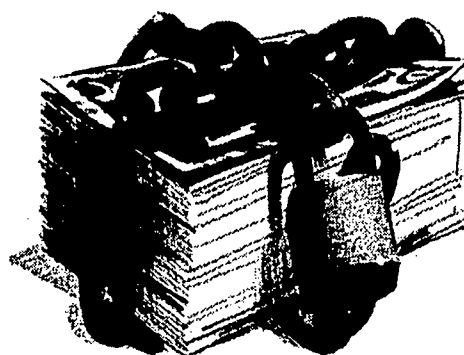
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Young squad provides foundation

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

Kansas City, Mo.—Last year's Northwest Bearcat women's basketball team finished with a record of 13-17. The record might not appear all that impressive, but after taking a quick glance at the team's roster it becomes apparent the team is headed in the right direction.

The 'Cats had 10 freshmen on their roster last season. This season they have four of their five starters from last year back, joining 13 returning letter winners.

Coach Gene Steinmeyer is excited to see what his young players can do with a year of experience under their belts.

"Last year's team was probably as a great unknown as I have ever had in all my years of coaching," he said. "It was a year of putting building blocks in place. Now we have our leaders sorted out and we brought in a couple of freshman and a transfer that will help us."

Even though the sophomores should have more experience and know what is expected of them this season, sophomore Chelsea Erzen realizes that they are still a young team.

"We've come together well as a team," she said. "We have a lot of talent on this year's team, it's just a matter of pulling it all together and being consistent day in and day out."

The 'Cats have two seniors, Laura Friederich and Meghan Blay, on this year's team who will be expected to help move the young team forward throughout the season.

"They know what it's all about, and they know what it takes," Steinmeyer said. "They've been around the league and we have to count on them to lead the team."



FILE PHOTO
THE NORTHWEST WOMEN'S basketball team returns eight freshman from last year's team. The Bearcats also return seniors Laura Friederich and Meghan Blay. Northwest kicks their season off Nov. 15.

The 'Cats are definitely not backing down when it comes to scheduling. They will be going up against some top teams before they ever get into conference play.

Abilene Christian, Concordia-St. Paul and Northeastern Oklahoma State fill their schedule early on to go along with a Division I school in UMKC.

"We have three or four teams that were in the NCAA's in preseason," Steinmeyer said. "Most of the MIAA teams go undefeated in preseason. If we're .500 in preseason I think we'll do pretty well."

Practice is starting to get into full swing and Steinmeyer says while the 'Cats still have plenty to work on he has seen

a lot of good things from this year's squad.

"We still have some things to learn defensively," he said. "Offensively, we have a lot more confidence out on the court than we did last year."

One question a coach always has before the season starts is whether or not the players they added in the off-season will fit in with the team picture.

The 'Cats brought in a pair of freshmen from the Kansas City area and a junior transfer from Southern University in North Little Rock, Ark. All three should have an immediate impact on the team.

"After talking with my captains I think we have better chemistry. The two freshmen

got to play summer league with our kids and they're really coming along," Steinmeyer said. "The transfer (Tolesha Dokes) is really talented. She's a competitor and she's really driving the competitive juices out of our players."

Even though the 'Cats have come together well as a team there are still a few things that Steinmeyer hopes they can get ironed out before the season starts.

"Ball handling is our worst problem right now. It's not that we don't have good ball handling it's just that I'm not sure we're taking a lot of importance on ball handling, and right now I'm still trying to figure out the combination of players," he said.

A look ahead....

Northwest Women's Basketball

Nov. 13	@ Illinois St.	2:05 p.m.
Nov. 15	Wm. Penn.	5:30 p.m.
Nov. 18	Winona St.	7 p.m.
Nov. 19	Mt. Mercy	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	Abilene	3 p.m.
Nov. 26	@ St. Paul	4 p.m.
Dec. 1	@ UMKC	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	William Jewell	7 p.m.
Dec. 16	@ Upper Iowa	6 p.m.
Dec. 20	NE. State Honolulu, Hawaii	4 p.m.
Dec. 21	Valdosta State (Ga.) Honolulu, Hawaii	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	@ CMSU	1:30 p.m.
Jan. 4	@ Washburn	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	SW Baptist	5:30 p.m.
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Feb. 22	Washburn	5:30 p.m.
March 3	MIAA Tournament Kansas City, Mo.	TBA
March 4	MIAA Semifinals Kansas City, Mo.	TBA
March 5	MIAA Championship Kansas City, Mo.	1:30 p.m.

Last season by the numbers

96

The most points scored in a game by the Bearcats. It came Dec. 30 against Southwest Baptist.

2,108

Total points scored by Northwest last season.

25

Laura Friederich's highest scoring game last season. This was also the most points scored by any member of the team.

13

Total wins by the 'Cats last season. Northwest finished the season with an overall record of 13-17.

486

Turnovers by Northwest last season. Sure the number seems high but the defense also forced 620.

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Not much change.
From the post-season tournament seedings to the pre-season polls, only two different positions have reversed, leaving the Bearcats in the same spot they were when the season ended, No. 6.

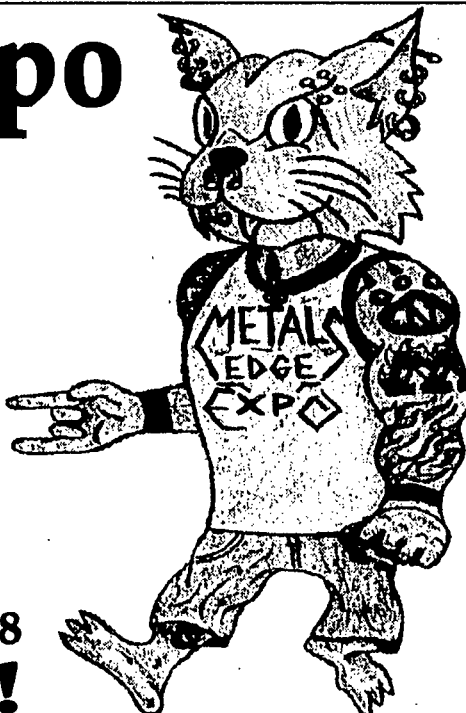
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5'10"
St. Joseph,
Mo.



Mandi
Schumacher

50

Post
6'0"
Columbus,
Neb.



Megan
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Okla.



Meghan
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By the numbers

209

The total number of points scored by Mandi Schumacher last year.

55

The number of career steals made by Kelli Nelson.

112

The total number of recorded rebounds by Chelsea Ernzen. Ernzen averages 3.7 rebounds per game.

Young faces look to jump start 'Cats season

By Brendan Kelley
Assistant Sports Editor

What a difference a year can make.

At least that's what this year's Northwest Bearcat women's basketball team is hoping. After winning 13 games last season the 'Cats are hoping the seven sophomores on this year's team can lead the way to success.

"This year there is a tremendous amount of improvement from the start of the season last year," sophomore Chelsea Ernzen said. "We had two scrimmages so far and there is a lot of room for improvement, but I think we're going to do a lot better this year."

"People are starting to read each other a lot more and the chemistry is finally starting to develop."

Even though the majority of the players on this year's squad have at least a year under their belts that doesn't necessarily mean that success will automatically come. There are a number of hurdles they must cross in their personal lives as well as on the court.

"It's not as easy as people think," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. "Sophomore year is a tough year for the women. You have to make decisions on a career and there's an adjustment in where they're living. Basketball isn't always the only thing on their minds."

It is still early in the season, but one thing that has already become apparent is the closeness of the team and their ability to work together. The team hopes those attributes will lead to a successful season.

"Having a whole year to get to know each other helped a lot," Ernzen said. "We all like to hang out outside of basketball and we all get along really well—that helps you be a great team on the court."

The biggest strength of this year's team is the ability of all the players on the team to play at both ends of the floor—something the freshmen heavy team lacked last season. The 'Cats had great offensive games and lapses

on defense or great defensive games and lapses on offense.

"Last year we were kind of like an offensive and a defensive team. We had certain people who could play defense and certain people who were an offensive threat," Ernzen said. "This year everyone is coming together. They can play on the defensive end and the offensive end."

The 'Cats have two seniors on this year's team, Meghan Blay and Laura Friederich, but that does not necessarily mean that all the leadership must come from them. Everyone will be expected to step up and help.

"Leadership is a funny thing. When you talk about leadership and chemistry you talk about things you can't wrap up and put under a Christmas tree," Steinmeyer said. "Leadership can come from anywhere. I've always relied on players to take a big ownership in the team."

The 'Cats like to play transition basketball and take advantage of quick buckets. While that can lead to some quick scoring and powerful offensive numbers it can also lead to throwing the ball away and a lot of turnovers from young players.

"We really rush things right now," Ernzen said. "Everybody is really excited right now, because we're finally getting to play other people other than each other, but we need to come down and just let the offense happen. We love transition, but at the same time we get so excited that we turn the ball over."

Expectations are higher for this year's team, but Ernzen is keeping her goals for the team fairly simple and on a day to day basis, hoping to grow with each game.

"I want to go through each game, work as hard as we can and hopefully get a victory," she said. "This year we really have the capability of doing so much better. With the chemistry we have, I think we can go pretty far. I'm hoping for a winning season with a lot better record."



FILE PHOTO

CHELSEA ERNZEN was one of the key inside players for the Bearcats last season. Coach Gene Steinmeyer said the added experience from the 10 returners on this year's squad will be a boost from the freshmen-laden squad of last season.

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Mizzou coach knows job rests on season

By R.B. Fallstrom
AP Sports Writer

COLUMBIA, Mo. — By now, Quin Snyder is used to coaching for his job.

More than ever, that's the case for the man who replaced Norm Stewart but to this point has been known more for a recruiting scandal and diminishing returns on the court. Coming off a 16-17 season capped by a first-round NIT loss, Snyder has three years to go on his contract but knows it could be NCAA or bust now.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't hear a whisper about something someone in the administration said," Snyder said. "He's got two more years, \$190,000 times two, the inference being buy me out.

"If it comes to that, if I'm not doing the job, that's the way it goes and another door will open."

In any case, Snyder insists there's no extra pressure heading into his eighth season at Missouri. He also believes the program, having survived the Ricky Clemons saga and the one-year, off-campus recruiting ban that accompanied it, is stronger for it.

"I think the guys that have been through it have a much greater appreciation and greater hunger, they thirst for that camaraderie," Snyder said. "We've got to stay on it, but I think we've got a chance to develop an identity that is conducive to winning.

"I don't know if people will be patient enough to allow it to occur, but there's nothing I can do about that."

Nothing the players can do, either, aside from play better.

"It's really exterior stuff we can't control," guard Thomas Gardner said. "All we can control is how hard we work in practice and how we work as a team.

"Coach Q is the same guy, the same energy, and every day he comes to work just like us."

Snyder believes the program is on firmer footing than three years ago when a Kareem Rush-led team made it to the final eight of the NCAA tournament. Maybe so, but there's a talent void given the departure of forward Linas Kleiza, the top scorer and rebounder last season, for the NBA after his sophomore season.

What Snyder will miss most about Kleiza, a player at his creative best when he stayed close to the lane, was ability to grab the key rebounds. The Tigers had a rebounding edge of only one in their exhibition opener last week against Division II Bemidji State.

The top returning rebounder, senior center Kevin Young, averaged only 4.9 last season. Missouri's top recruit, 6-9 Leo Lyons, could help out in this area, though.

"I'm worried about it, I've been worried about it," Snyder said. "I think we'll figure out ways to score, but the times Linas won games for us was not so much hitting the big shots as it was getting big rebounds.

"When he wanted the ball he'd go get it."

Despite a relationship that was at times contentious, Snyder would much rather still have Kleiza around. He said Kleiza's freelancing wasn't unusual for a college star.

"Sitting him down, drawing a line, I think those things helped him get to where he is now," Snyder said. "He was proud of his experience here. I think all great players in some ways are hard to coach."

This season might be more of an ensemble effort. Heading into the Nov. 15 opener at home against Sam Houston in the first round of the preseason NIT, Snyder is counting on more consistency from Gardner, Jimmy



QUIN SNYDER knows his job at Missouri could depend on the type of season he can lead the Tigers to. Snyder and the Tigers finished last season 16-17.

McKinney and Jason Horton, along with forward Marshall Brown.

Gardner is the top returning scorer with a 10.4-point average, but must improve poor 27-percent 3-point shooting. McKinney averaged seven points, Horton six and Brown five.

"Anytime you lose a guy of that caliber, it's an opportunity for other guys to step up," Snyder said. "There's a void there that people have to fill, and sometimes with that need it frees them up to attack a little more."

That's Snyder's eternal optimism. But the players seem to feel that way, too, shrugging off

the Big 12 coaches' prediction for a lowly eighth-place finish that could easily spell the end of the Snyder era.

"I don't really care and I don't really concern myself with that," Brown said. "I'm always going to have high expectations. I think we're going to do really well and you can't really worry about what everybody else says."

The early-season schedule is conducive to a fast start, although it might include a semifinal matchup against Duke in the preseason NIT, along with games at Arkansas and Davidson and the annual Braggins' Rights game against No. 17 Illinois.

Runners go inside for winter

By James Evans
Staff Writer

As cooler weather brings out coats and scarves it sends the Bearcats' sports teams inside. But winter provides no break for one outdoor sport that runs all year long.

Indoor track begins its season in December. The indoor track season serves as an intermediate season between fall's cross country and spring's track and field.

Just because the competitive action is held inside a heated Lamkin gym doesn't mean the teams get to avoid the frost and wind of Maryville.

"If it's not icy, were going to be outside... I think it's better in terms of injury prevention," coach Scott Lorek said.

The teams practice outside to avoid training on the 200-meter indoor track. With its tight turns and inconsistent designs, indoor track is a hard sport to train for.

"It's definitely different because the turns are tighter and a little rougher on your body," distance runner Drew Wilson said. "You have to lean a lot more on the curves. Outdoor is a 400-meter track as opposed to a 200-meter (indoor) track so you don't have to turn as much."

Coach Lorek admits that the practices and conditions are harder and that the indoor season is part of preparing for the spring. But, that doesn't mean that the indoor season is taken lightly.

"Well, we have a conference championship so we're real serious about that. But as far as different philosophies go on this, if you're going to peak once per year then we're going to do it in April," Lorek said. "Our main emphasis is on outdoor."

Although the difference between outdoor and indoor track may not be evident to the casual observer, runners and coaches recognize that it's a totally different type of running.

"Indoors is tough because there's a lot to being able to run the turns. We have different sizes and radiuses of curves. Sometimes we have a banked curve sometimes we have a flat turn, so there is actually kind of a technique," Lorek said.

Wilson admits not all runners enjoy the indoor season.

"Indoor track, it gets a little boring running around in circles about a thousand times," Wilson said. "The general consensus of the team is that we don't like indoor as much."

Lorek agreed different levels of enthusiasm toward the indoor season exist.

"Some people really like it, others wish we didn't even have it. It just varies with different personalities," Lorek said.

Whatever the case, the indoor track season serves as what Lorek calls a "stepping stone" to the outdoor track season. Coaches and players think the team is stepping in the right direction.

"Our track team, like our cross country team, is ridiculously young. So, we're counting a lot on new and young people to do a lot for us this year," Lorek said.

Big 12 Preseason Coaches Poll

Team (First place votes)

1. Texas (10)
2. Oklahoma (2)
3. Kansas
4. Oklahoma State
5. Texas Tech
6. Iowa State

7. Texas A&M

8. Missouri
9. Colorado
10. Nebraska
11. Kansas State
12. Baylor

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2. Texas (6)
3. Connecticut
4. Michigan State (4)
5. Villanova (1)
6. Oklahoma
7. Louisville
8. Gonzaga
9. Kentucky
10. Arizona
11. Boston College
12. Memphis
13. Stanford
14. West Virginia
15. Alabama
16. Syracuse
17. Illinois
18. Wake Forest
19. UCLA
20. Iowa
21. George Washington
22. Nevada
23. Indiana
24. Maryland
25. Iowa State

ESPN Top 25

1. Duke (28)
2. Connecticut
3. Texas (2)
4. Villanova (1)
5. Michigan State
6. Oklahoma
7. Gonzaga
8. Louisville
9. Arizona
10. Kentucky
11. Boston College
12. Memphis
13. Stanford
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Dec. 13	@ Savannah	6:30 p.m.
Dec. 17	@ Trenton Tourn.	10 a.m.
Jan. 3	Benton	7 p.m.
Jan. 5	@ Lafayette	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 7	@ Harrisonville Tourn.	8 a.m.
Jan. 10	Chillicothe	7 p.m.
Jan. 14	@ Plattsburg	10 a.m.
Jan. 17	Cameron	7 p.m.
Jan. 19	@ Platte Co.	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 26	@ Smithville	6:30 p.m.
Jan. 28	Quad State Classic	10 a.m.
Jan. 31	Plattsburg	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	@ St. Pius X	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	Albany Tourn.	9:30 a.m.
Feb. 11	Districts	TBA
Feb. 16-18	State	TBA

MHS | Boy's Basketball Schedule

Dec. 2	@ Auburn, Neb.	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 5	South Harrison	7 p.m.
Dec. 6	Maur Hill	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 9	LeBlond	5 p.m.
Dec. 12-16	No. Co. Tourney	TBA
Dec. 26-31	William Jewell	TBA
Jan. 5	Lafayette	5 p.m.
Jan. 7	Clarinda	1 p.m.
Jan. 9-14	Savannah Tourney	TBA
Jan. 17	@ Mid-Buchanan	5 p.m.
Jan. 20	@ Chillicothe	5 p.m.
Jan. 24	Savannah	5 p.m.
Jan. 27	Benton	5 p.m.
Jan. 31	Platte County	5 p.m.
Feb. 3	Smithville	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 6	Westport	5 p.m.
Feb. 10	@ Benton	5 p.m.
Feb. 16	@ Savannah	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	Cameron	5 p.m.
Feb. 27-March 5	District Tourn.	TBA

MHS | Girl's Basketball Schedule

Nov. 29	@ Mid Buch.	5 p.m.
Dec. 1	Lafayette	5 p.m.
Dec. 5	S. Harrison	5:30 p.m.
Dec. 8	@ LeBlond	5 p.m.
Dec. 12-16	No. Co. Tourney	TBA
Dec. 20	Westport	5 p.m.
Dec. 28-30	LeBlond Tourney	TBA
Jan. 6	@ Lafayette	5:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	@ Clarinda	1:45 p.m.
Jan. 17-18	@ Bishop Miege Tourn.	TBA
Jan. 24	@ Benton	5 p.m.
Jan. 27	@ Savannah	5 p.m.
Jan. 31	@ Platte Co.	5 p.m.
Feb. 7	@ Chillicothe	5 p.m.
Feb. 9	Benton	5 p.m.
Feb. 14	@ Neb. City	5:30 p.m.
Feb. 16	Savannah	5 p.m.
Feb. 21	@ Cameron	5 p.m.
Feb. 23	Smithville	5 p.m.
Feb. 27-March 5	Districts	TBA
March 17-18	State	TBA

Hounds hope to build on last year

By Jessica Nelson
Staff Writer

Going into the 2005-2006 season, the same word can be used to describe the Maryville girls' basketball team as last year: young.

This year, the squad welcomed nine freshmen after losing only two seniors from last year's 10-16 team.

Going into her final year, the team's lone senior Kim Wolfer believes that even though the 'Hounds are young, they will improve from last year.

"I think that everyone that's participating this year enjoys playing and we'll improve a lot," Wolfer said. "By the end of the season we'll be where we need to be."

With the 'Hounds being a younger team, the key to this season could be stepping up and improving on last season.

Wolfer believes the younger girls can contribute and help take the 'Hounds to the next level.

"Most of the younger girls have quite a bit of experience playing basketball. They've

played in different leagues throughout the last couple of years," Wolfer said.

According to junior Jaclyn Guess, the 'Hounds can build on last year's season and possibly go further into post-season play.

"It's just going to take a lot of hard work and practice," Guess said.

The 'Hounds also face the task of playing in the competitive Midland Empire Conference.

According to head coach Adam Willard, the MEC is a competitive conference with several perennial state semifinalists.

"It's a conference with a lot of good players and a lot of good coaches," Willard said.

Though the 'Hounds are at a slight disadvantage, Willard believes that the younger girls will fit in and be all right this season.

"It's not really the young girls, we're just young...we're still working with the same team. We'll be fine," Willard said.

Fresh faces abound for young boys squad

By Cali Arnold
Staff Writer

After losing seven seniors from last year's district championship team, Maryville boys basketball coach Mike Kuwitzky knows that this will be a rebuilding year.

After losing seniors standouts Josh Wilmes and Syd Brisbane, Garett Arnold and John Hart are the only returning players with any varsity playing time. All other team members will be new to the varsity level, but not to the program.

"We're really starting from scratch, basically," Kuwitzky said.

The past two senior classes for Maryville have produced many players with much lost talent for the 'Hounds.

Because of the young talent, Kuwitzky is focusing on basic fundamentals this season.

"We're going to have so many new players that we have to try and become as fundamentally sound as we can," Kuwitzky said. "That is probably going to require that we take things slow and we're going to have to try and build from the bottom up, and teach fundamentals and keep things pretty basic."

The lack of experience will also effect the game plan for the 'Hounds.

"We're not going to be a real advanced team with a lot of changing offenses and defenses," Kuwitzky said. "I think we're probably going to keep it pretty simple this year until we can get a grasp on basic skills."

The tough schedule in the Midland Empire Conference has not changed from years past.

"Top to bottom once again, the conference will be very, very solid. It's a tough conference," Kuwitzky said.

Kuwitzky said that Cameron is the expected powerhouse this year. They are returning two All-Conference players from last year's squad. Platte County is the defending MEC Champions.

Practice started on Oct. 31 for athletes not participating in fall sports, with the athletes still in fall sports reporting this week. Kuwitzky expected his full squad by Wednesday.

The season starts on Dec. 2 at Auburn High School (Neb.) with the junior varsity starting at 5:30 p.m. The MEC schedule starts Jan. 5 against Lafayette, with the freshmen tipping off at 5 p.m.



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HOUNDS GIRL'S BASKETBALL players Jaclyn Guess, Blair McClellan, and Keegan Starkey shoot at the basket during a practice. The season starts Nov. 29 against Mid-Buchanan.

Gillenwater returns as only state qualifier from last year

By Brett Barger
Staff Writer

The Maryville Spoofhound wrestling team enters the 2005 campaign with a challenge to overcome inexperience.

Cody Gillenwater is the only returning state qualifier from last season, where he finished 3rd in the 125 pound weight class.

Coach Joe Drake expects Gillenwater to continue his success and be a leader for the squad.

"He (Cody) will undoubtedly be the one that we expect to step forward and be a leader on our team," he said.

Drake, who is in his 32nd year at Maryville, has coached through seasons with a lot of young talent and knows what to expect.

"The graduation from the last two seasons of talent and

numbers will really show up this year," he said. "We know that our numbers will be down and that we won't have the kind of depth we've had the last couple of years."

Drake feels the return of senior Dexter Partridge will be a key addition to the team this year as well as the up-and-coming Cliff Robertson.

"Dexter was our best heavyweight, up until he broke his leg before Christmas and he is ready to go now," he said. "We're expecting Cliff Robertson to have a pretty good year and score some points for us."

Robertson believes that working hard will overcome obstacles that the team faces with new talent.

"We have a pretty young team. If everyone puts their heads on and works hard in practice, I think we'll do pretty good," he said.

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